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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

To-day.

(April 23.)

St. George's Day.
Concert for Services, Lee Theatre.
Lammer's Auction: Station
Hotel Sale, 10.30 a.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Whoopie."
World Theatre: "Hwang Tien
Bah" (Chinese film).
King's Theatre: "Tom Sawyer."
Central Theatre: "The Boudoir
Diplomat."
Dances: Tea Dance, H.K. Hotel;
Dinner Dances, Hong Kong and
Peninsula Hotels and Hotel Cecil.
European Mail:—Inward:
Europe via Siberia (Comorin) 4.30
p.m.

Friday.

(April 24.)

Lammer's Auction Sale of Fur-
niture, Station Hotel, 10.30 a.m.
Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis
Tournament:—
Open Singles:
Semi-final: C. A. L. Rumjahn v.
S. A. Ramjahn.
Handicap Singles "B":
Gordon (own 3/0) v. Rodger (own
3/0) or Ferguson (own 3/0).
Wannock (own 1/0) v. P. U. Jen-
son (own 5/0).
Handicap Doubles:
Stable and Lee (own 1/0) v. Green and
Green (own 1/0).
Mixed Doubles:
Mr. and Mrs. Sayer (own 1/0)
v. E. J. Dowley and Mrs. Dowley
(own 3/0) or C. E. Holmes and
Miss Taylor (own 1/0).
B. Stock and Miss A. E. Lang
(own 1/0) v. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wood
(own 3/0).
Armstrong and Mrs. Keary (own
1/0) v. C. C. Stark and Mrs. Stark
(own 1/0) or Mr. and Mrs. Blaker (own
3/0).

Queen's Theatre: "Whoopie."
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Bah" (Chinese film).
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Diplomat."
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Dances, Hong Kong Hotel, Penin-
sula Hotel, and Hotel Cecil.
European Mail:—Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Comorin), 8.30
p.m.

Saturday.

(April 25.)

University Graduates' Associa-
tion Dinner, Lane, Crawford's
Restaurant.
Indian Recreation Club: Open-
ing of New Clubhouse by Mr. A.
el Arculli, 3 p.m.
Hong Kong Area Sports Board
Athletic Meeting, Sookunpoo.
Cricket:—University v. R.A.
Pekulam.
Queen's Theatre: "Whoopie."
World Theatre: "Hwang Tien
Bah" (Chinese film).
King's Theatre: "Tom Sawyer."
Central Theatre: "The Boudoir
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European Mail:—Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Empress of
Canada) 10 a.m.

THE NAVY OF TO-MORROW.

SELF-SUPPORTING AND SELF-SUFFICIENT
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CAPTAIN ACWORTH'S VIEW.

Captain Acworth, the Naval
Correspondent of the "Morn-
ing Post," whose recent book,
"The Navies of To-day and
To-morrow," has aroused wide-
spread controversy as to British
naval policy and shipbuilding,
gives details in this article
which we reprint from the
"Morning Post" of the recon-
structed fleet which he considers
would be cheaper both in con-
struction and maintenance and
more efficient in action.

In my recently published book,
"The Navies of To-day and To-
morrow," I set out frankly to bury
and not to praise the naval doc-
trines of Lord Fisher.

In doing so I was careful to avoid
any suggestion of a vendetta, or
to deny that he was a towering,
picturesque, and in many respects
lovable man. Indeed, were it not
for his great personality, and that
alone, it is almost inconceivable
that his revolutionary doctrine of
sea-power, which had, in 1904, raised
the Royal Navy to a pinnacle of
prestige, unchallenged in the world's
history, and never since attained.

There is not space, nor is this
an occasion, for repeating the argu-
ments in support of my contentions.
Rightly or wrongly, I have con-
demned the majority of very modern
ships and material, in all Navies,
and the doctrines of war of which
this vast, and excessively costly,
material is the expression.

That the adherents of Lord
Fisher's school will continue to
leave my case unanswered, as at
present, seems unlikely, but in the
absence, so far, of any adverse
criticism, I will make so bold as
to set down the classes of ships
which we shall require in the com-
ing years when our traditional doc-
trine of sea-power is re-established,
and when the country has recover-
ed its reliance on itself, and on the
sea, for the maintenance of true
peace as opposed to "peace-talk."

and for the defence, in the last
extremity, against a hostile world.
The ships that I have foreshadowed
as the ships of the future are
as follows:—

Battleships.—12,000 tons, coal-
burning, 17 knots, heavily
armoured, and mounting six 13.5-
inch guns only.

Armoured Cruisers.—12,000
tons, coal-burning, 23 knots,
armoured, and mounting six 9.2-
inch guns only.

Unarmoured Cruisers.—4,000
tons, coal-burning, 27 knots,
mounting six 6-inch guns only.

These vessels form the battle fleet,
and from the battle fleet the tor-
pedo is banished. Small sub-
marines of 400 tons, for defence
against landing in force or pro-
tracted bombardment, river gun-
boats, and minesweepers are retain-
ed as auxiliary craft, but aircraft
carriers, surface torpedo craft, and
battle-cruisers disappear.

The land-machines now transport-
ed in the aircraft carriers will be-
come stout seaplanes carried, like
sea-bombs, in the ships of the fleet,
the numbers carried, if desired, ex-
ceeding those now carried in the
aircraft carriers.

The battleships are of the least
tonnage that will ideally mount an
ideal, gun armament of 13.5-inch
guns, a large fleet of small vessels
being strategically, and tactically
superior to a small fleet of mas-
todons which cannot be equipped with
heavy guns which are superior, on
balance, to the 13.5-inch gun.

The armoured cruisers and un-
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relative to the battleships, regard-
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of the cruisers is to assist in the
action against the enemy's battle
fleet, pending such an action they
are required for blockade, and for
the defence of convoys, and the
cruisers advocated are ideal for this
purpose.

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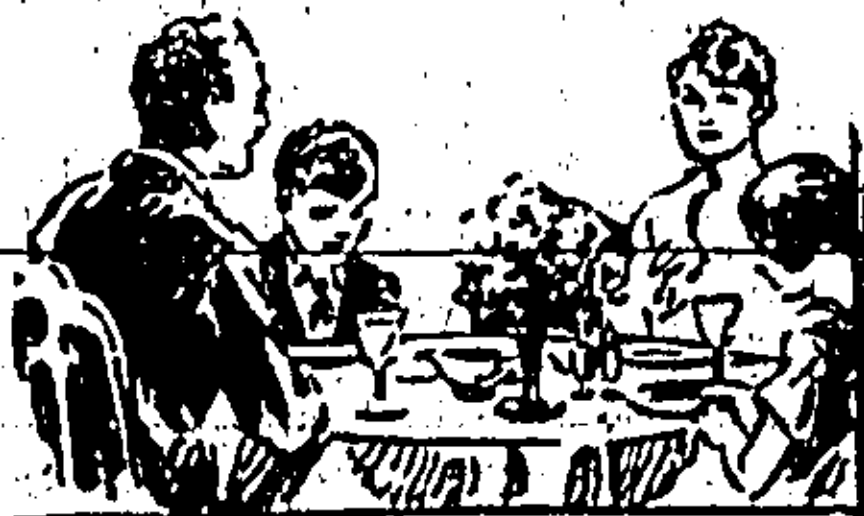
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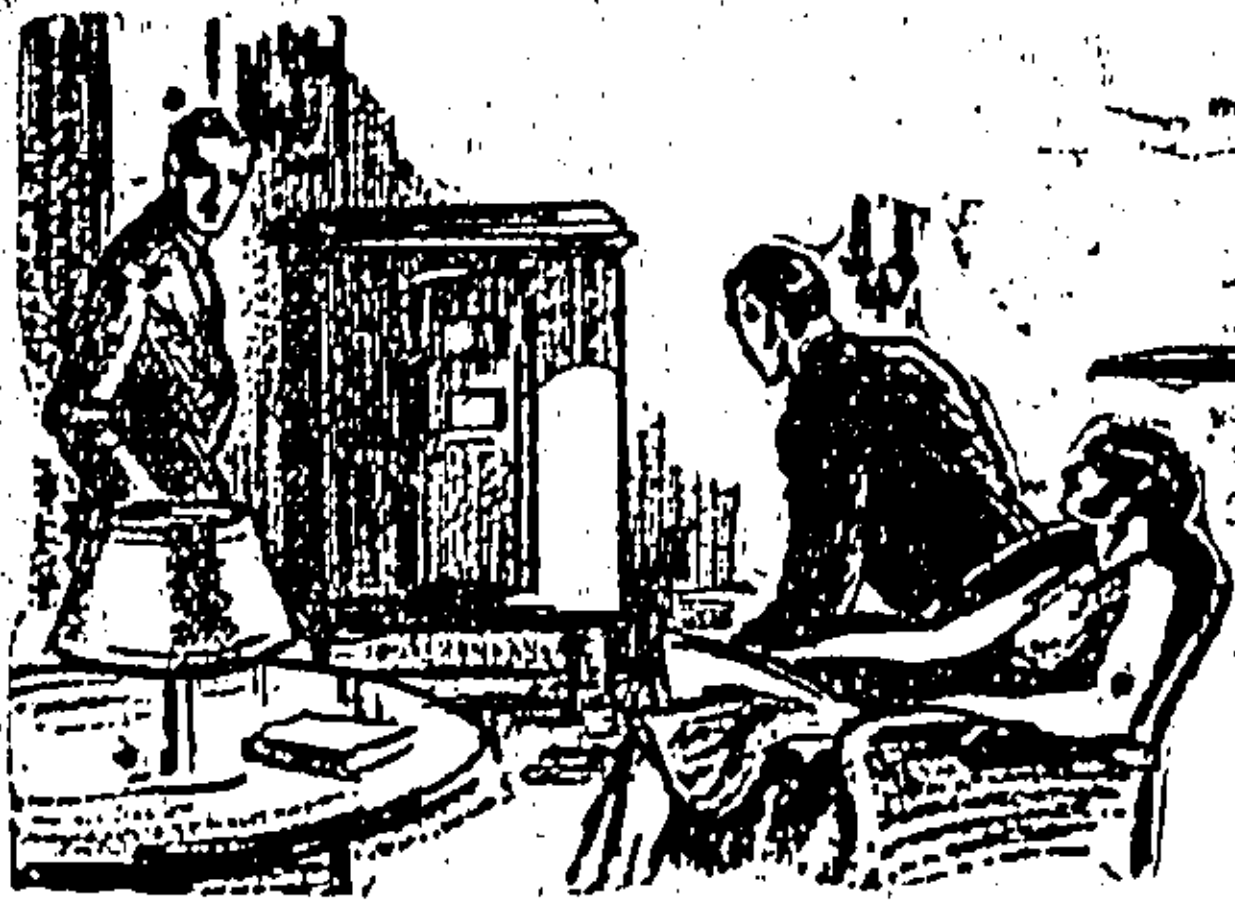


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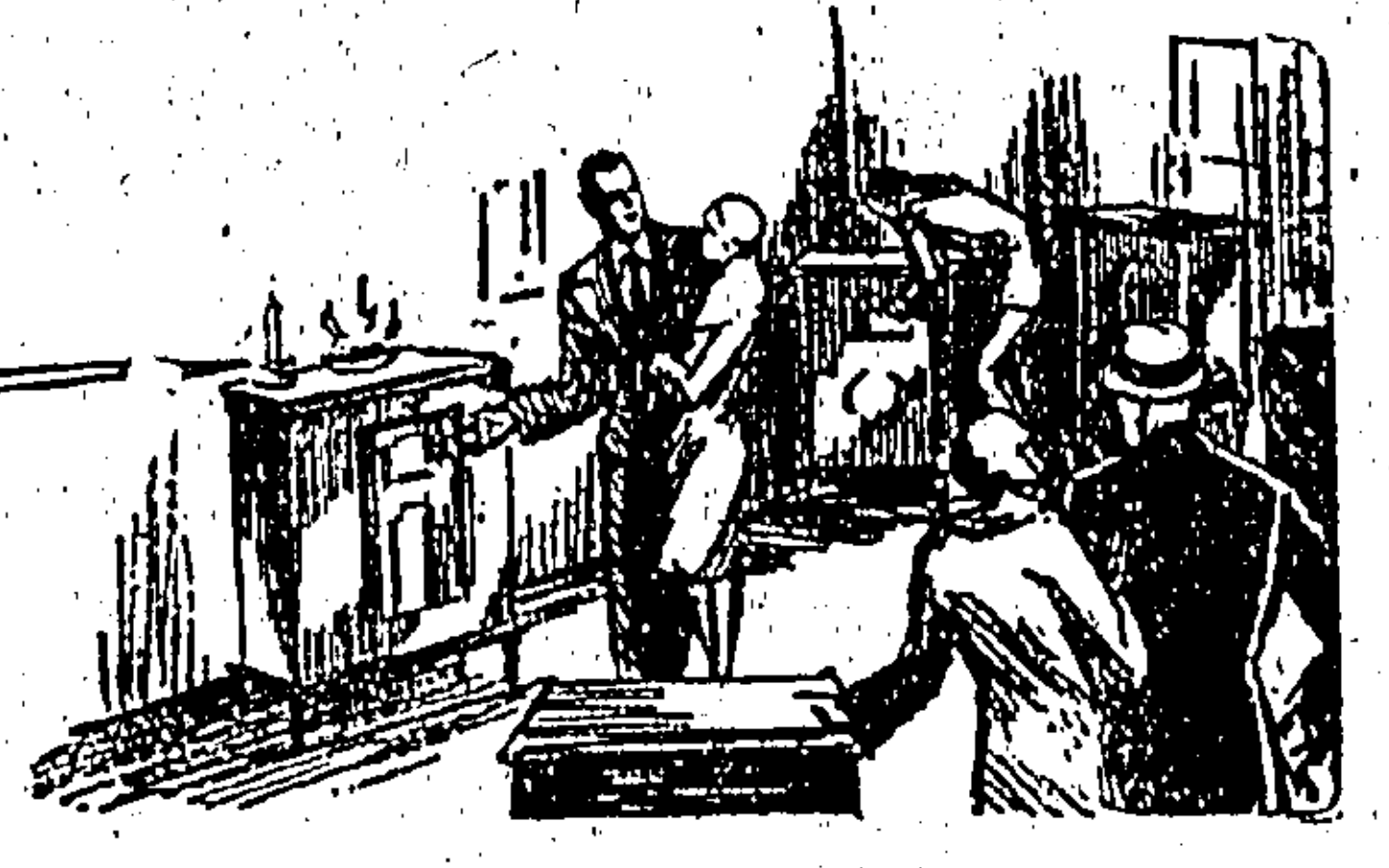
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RADIO FEATURES



RESISTANCES IN YOUR SET.

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE ENERGY IN RADIO RECEIVERS.

It is just as hard to grasp the real significance of small things as it is of objects of colossal dimensions. Indeed, there are points where measurements become quite meaningless to most of us, both in very large and extremely tiny things, which yet have vitally important physical characteristics.

We know, for instance, that our national wealth runs into thousands of millions of pounds, but only the leading economists can visualise the reality of piles of money like that. They are much more moved by their own comparatively trifling bank balance fluctuations than by the discrepancy of an odd ten million or so in the nation's purse!

Diminutive Power.

In regard to diminutive quantities, we meet something staggeringly diminutive in the electrical power the average radio-aerial is able to collect even from a powerful local broadcasting station.

Here is a comparison. You know that the ordinary modern valve is reckoned to consume but a small amount of electrical power in its filament. The most widely used 2-volt valves take only one-tenth of an ampere at two volts. And that equals .2 watts of power (current multiplied by voltage). Sixty watts is a common rating for one single electric light bulb such as is employed for illuminating an ordinary living-room, and that represents enough power to heat the filaments of three hundred dull-emitter 2-volt radio valves!

But the power generated in an aerial by a broadcaster fifteen or twenty miles away will be somewhere around about one millionth of that extracted from an L.T. battery by no more than one valve!

Obviously, where broadcasters hundreds of miles away are concerned, the electrical energy you can collect from the ether, even with a first-class aerial, will be of incredibly tiny dimensions.

All Round the World.

The most surprising fact is that it is possible to guide such microscopic pulsations of power on to the grid of the valve of a radio set. You'd expect it to get absorbed on the way, wouldn't you?

But electricity isn't like water. Give it a path and no matter how long or how hard that path may be, the smallest pressure of electricity will push electrical energy through it. If you took a giant reel of the thinnest metal wire ever made and joined up one terminal of a small flash-lamp battery, ran the wire right round the world, and then joined the other end of the wire to the remaining terminal of the battery, a current of electricity would flow round that twenty-four thousand mile circuit. (And it would accomplish that journey in a fraction of a second.)

For that matter you could send a current to the sun or the moon and back from one cell of your L.T. battery through the finest wire. But it would be an infinitesimally small current, and no measuring instrument, however sensitive, would be able to measure it.

It is not necessary that a circuit

should be physically long for it to be a difficult one for electricity to pass through.

The hardest path that can be offered to an electrical current is one composed of an insulating material such as ebonite or mica. Mighty small current flows through such materials, however strong the electrical pressure applied across them, unless they "break down" and cease to become "insulators."

A piece of rubber of paper thickness will reduce the current flow to the same extent as thousands of miles of metal wire of the gauge of human hair.

From all this you will gather that there is no such thing as a perfect electrical insulator, and that all substances are conductors of electricity, though some are such bad conductors that they can be regarded as non-conductors.

On the other hand, some so-called insulators are so bad at their job that they tend to step into the category of conductors. That indicates that it doesn't do to take things electric too much at their face value!

Let us turn practical for a moment. A grid leak as ordinarily used in the grid circuit of a detector valve, has a very high resistance. A usual value is two million ohms (2 megohms). To equal that resistance in wire, of quite a stout gauge, you would want a length of well over a thousand miles!

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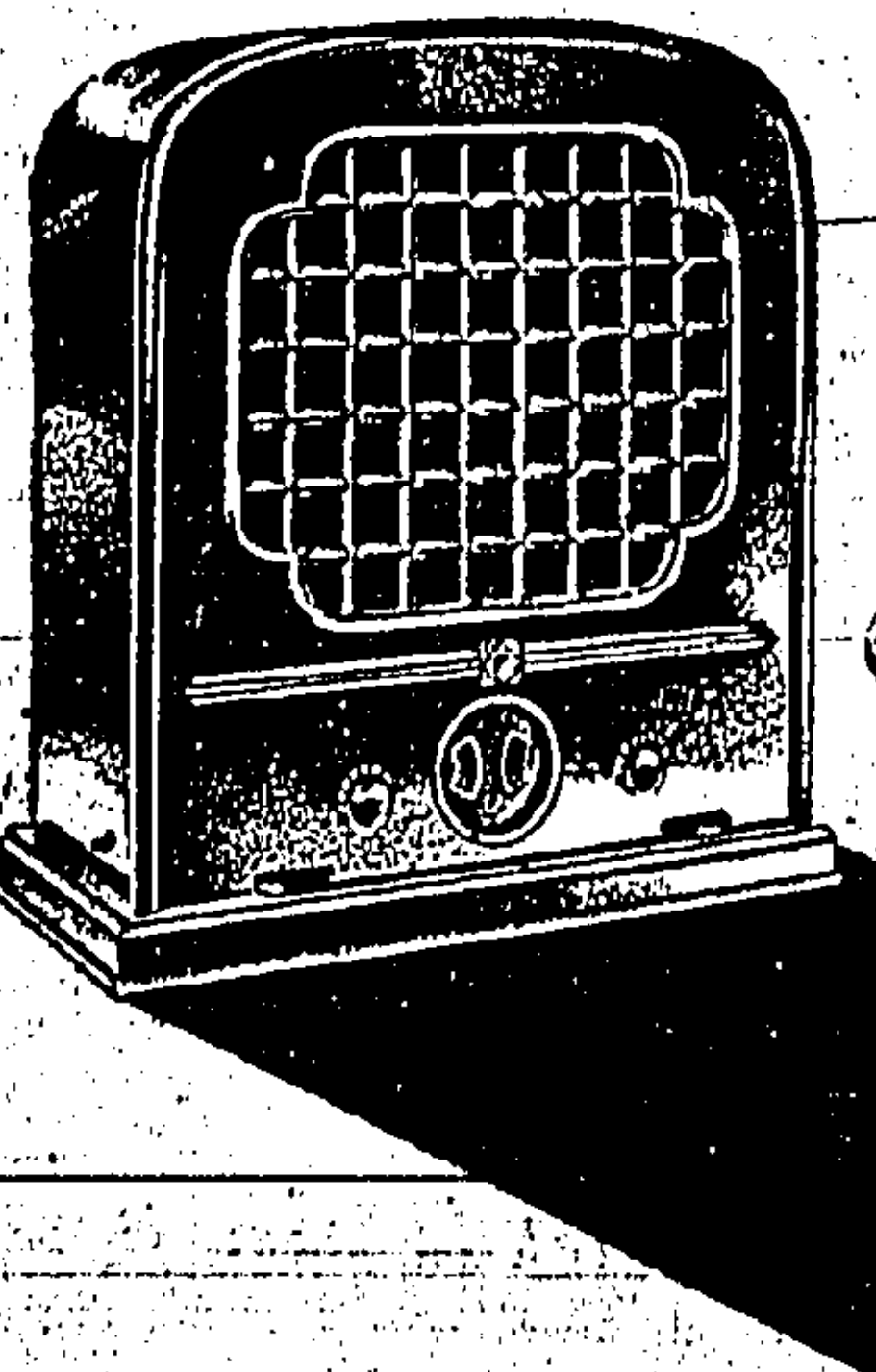
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Here are lists of long-wave and short-wave stations which should be picked up by anyone in Hong Kong who has a moderately good set suitable for receiving such signals. Success in picking up these stations also depends very largely upon favourable atmospheric conditions. Readers are invited to add to this list should they succeed in picking up any station not included in either of these lists.

LONG-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo cycle
200	Manila	K.Z.I.B.	1,183
277	Shanghai	K.S.M.S.	1,085
280	Tientsin	C.R.C.	1,070
310	Shanghai	K.C.C.	967
320	Peking	J.O.A.K.	945
345	Tokyo	J.O.A.K.	870
353	Hiroshima	J.O.F.K.	850
355	Hong Kong	Z.B.W.	846
357	Bombay	V.U.B.	840
361	Sapporo	J.O.I.K.	830
363	Keijo	J.O.D.K.	820
370	Nagoya	J.O.C.K.	810
370.4	Calcutta	V.U.C.	809.9
380	Kumamoto	J.O.G.K.	790
390	Sendai	J.O.H.K.	770
395	Dairen	J.D.A.K.	760
398	Rangoon	V.U.R.	754
400	Osaka	J.O.B.K.	750
410	Canton	C.M.B.	728
413	Manila	K.Z.R.M.	726

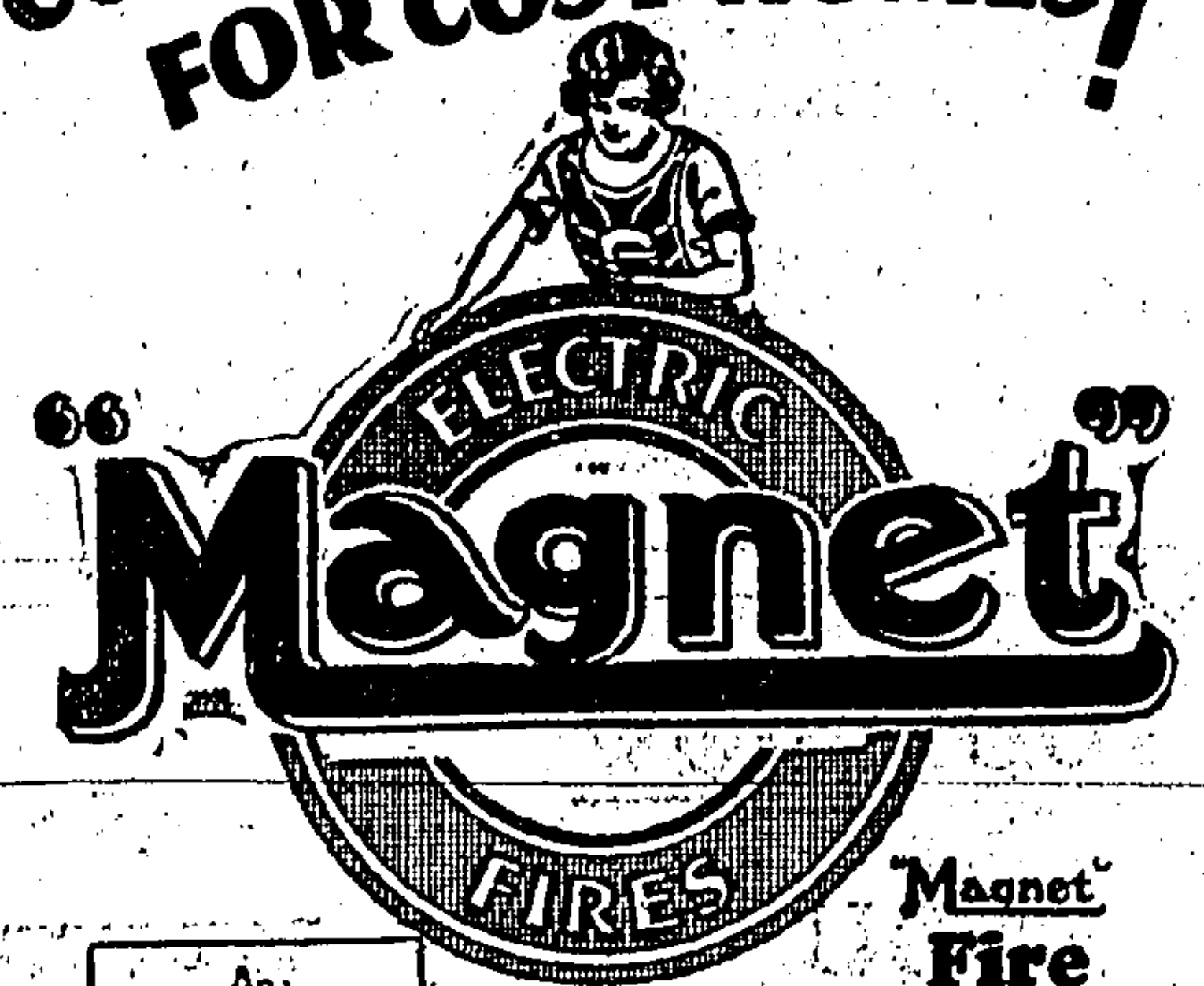
SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave length (Metres)	STATION	CALL SIGN	Kilo Cycle	TIME (HONG KONG) OF WORKING
67.65	Dobnitz (Germany)	A.E.K.	4,434	Mon., Wed. & Fri., 5 p.m. & 2 a.m.
60.12	Khabarovsk (Russia)	E.A.97.	4,000	6-10 p.m.
56.7	Nauen	A.G.J.	5,291	Not regular
50.	Moscow	E.N.	6,000	Tues., Thurs., Sat., 8 p.m.
43.5	Bome	I.M.A.	6,900	Sunday midnight
42.	Paris	A.B.	7,142	Daily 6.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
41.3	Singapore	V.E.I.A.B.	7,210	Not regular
38.8	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	7,730	Daily 11 p.m.
37.	Bangkok (Siam)	H.S.A.P.J.	8,108	Tues. & Fri., 9 p.m.—1 a.m.
35.6	Sydney	Z.D.L.	8,280	Not regular
31.85	Melbourne	E.L.O.	9,503	Not regular
31.48	Scheidegg	W.Z.X.A.P.	9,530	Daily 7 a.m.
31.20	Eindhoven (Holland)	P.C.J.	9,620	Fri., 3 a.m., Sat. 3 a.m. & 10 a.m.
31.28	Sydney	P.C.	9,600	Not regular
31.	Nairobi (Kenya)	7.L.O.	9,677	Midnight daily
28.6	Sydney	Z.M.E.	10,528	Not regular
27.8	Bandong	P.L.E.	11,020	Midnight—3 a.m. daily
25.63	Chelmsford (England)	E.S.W.	11,751	7.30 p.m. & 3 a.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday
24.5	Manila	K.I.X.B.	12,240	Nightly
23.35	Scheidegg	W.Z.X.O.	12,570	4 a.m. Wed., Fri., Sat.
18.88	Bandong	P.L.O.	16,102	Daily 6.30 p.m. to midnight
18.4	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	16,204	Daily 7 p.m.
17.4	Bandong	P.L.F.	17,280	Daily 8 p.m. to midnight
16.9	Bangkok	H.S.I.P.J.	17,751	Sundays 7 p.m. & midnight
16.3	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.K.	18,404	Each afternoon
15.77	Bandong	P.L.E.	19,220	Daily 6.30—7 p.m.
15.2	Nancy (France)	W.S.X.K.	19,651	Not regular
13.93	Pittsburg	W.S.X.K.	21,540	Not regular

[Allowance must be made for "summer-time" in most European countries, which is one hour ahead of true time.]

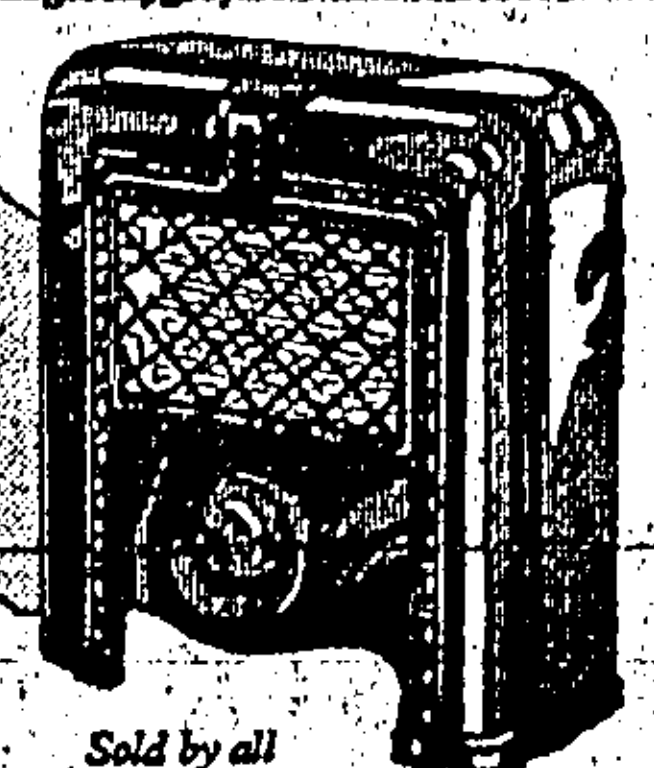
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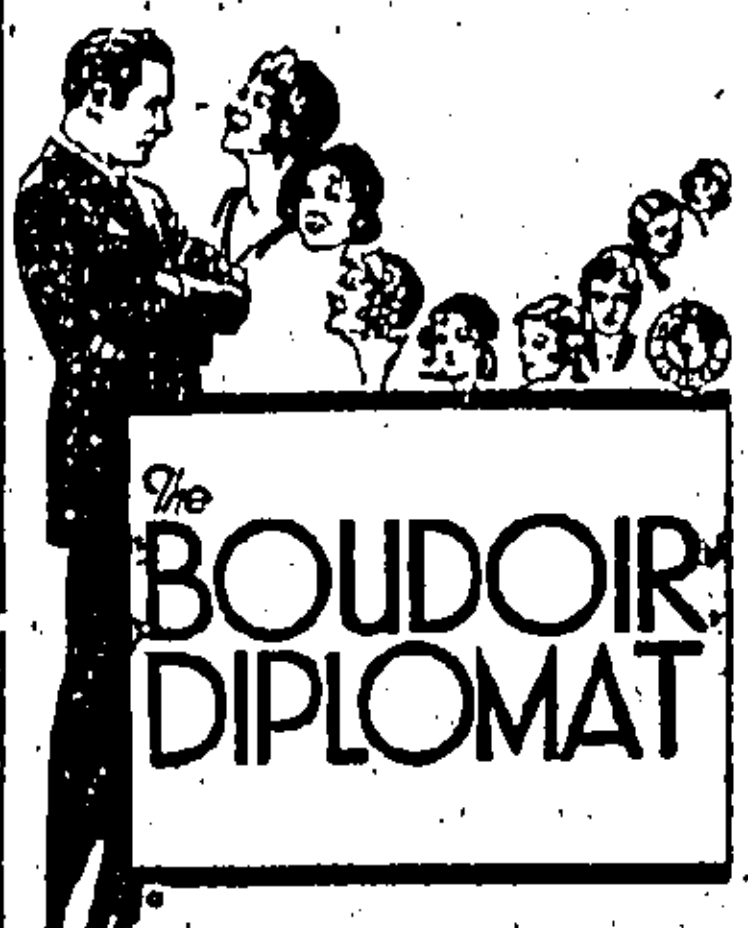
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The resource of the B.B.C. is well-known, as is that of the Outside Broadcast Department, and there are few people who do not know that the Boat Race broadcast is effected by the wireless launch Magician. That, however, appears to be the sum total of the general knowledge. Just how this broadcast is "worked" is not, perhaps, so well known as it might be.

A Portable Broadcasting Station.

Briefly, a motor launch is equipped with a "mobile" transmitter; that is, a sort of portable broadcasting station. This, along with a commentator and microphone, follows closely behind the rival crews. The commentator's description of the race is broadcast from the launch on a "short" wavelength (of the order of 100 metres, or so), and is picked up on two receiving sets situated at different points along the course. Both these points are in direct "land-line" communication with Savoy Hill, where a control room engineer receives by line the amplified outputs of the two receivers. These he "mixes" at his discretion, the result being that a "constant level" signal is fed to the different stations taking the broadcast. That, quite roughly, is what happens. If it were found to be as easy and simple in practice as it appears on paper, the proportion of grey-haired O.B. engineers would be less. Unfortunately, stunts like these are apt to be uncomfortably complicated, especially during the initial preparation, and the Boat Race O.B. is no exception. Like many others of the annual O.B.'s, it is now more or less cut-and-dried. The trouble experienced, however, during the first tests were enough to have materially shortened the lives of those concerned and there are no doubt, some vivid memories.

A day or two before the boat-race, three engineers go down to Richmond, where the launch is moored. They take with them a complete broadcast transmitter, including all power units, and a full receiving equipment. All the transmitting gear is got aboard, and the erection proceeded with at once. The transmitter itself is split up into two portions, each of which is enclosed in a large wooden case. One is the modulator panel, and the other the drive and H.F. magnifier. The input from the microphone amplified (standard B.B.C. "Type 5" amplifier), is taken, via two H.F. chokes and an input transformer, to the grid of the sub-modulator, which is resistance-capacity coupled to the modulator. A master oscillator is used to drive the H.F. magnifier, which is modulated direct by the modulator, "choke control" and "high-power modulation" being used. All the valves in the set are Mullard M/150's, which require 10.5 volts at about 3.3 amperes on the filament.

The Transmitter.

There is provision for two separate H.T. supplies, one for each unit. Originally, it was intended to use two Mortley H.T. generators for this purpose, but it was found subsequently that by shorting the two H.T. terminals, one machine could be run without overload, leaving the second as a standby. The generators are run from a 24-volts input (accumulators), and are capable of an output of 1,500 volts at 75 ma. In practice, they are run giving an output of 1,000 to 1,100 volts at about 100 to 110 ma. The wavelength used is about 105 metres, and 5 amperes is obtained in the

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THE SILVER SCREEN.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"WHOOPEE"

Although technicolor has received the praise of millions of screen enthusiasts all over the world, and some famous artists have added their means to the swelling chorus; it is doubtful whether technicolor has ever received any praise more satisfactory than that accorded by Florenz Ziegfeld, the noted producer of the Ziegfeld Follies.

Ziegfeld, in association with Samuel Goldwyn, produced "Whoopie," completely in technicolor; now on view at the Queen's Theatre. After the completion of "Whoopie," Mr Ziegfeld wired to Dr. Herbert T. Kalmus, President of the Technicolor Corporation, as follows:

"Whoopie" is the first of my musical comedies to appear upon the screen as it appeared on the stage. It will enable the entire world to see a production for which seats cost \$8.60 for less than a dollar. Technicolor enables us to transfer to the screen the marvelous stage colouring, losing none of its beauty."

"BILLY THE KID."

Even picking dogs for these "period" pictures isn't so easy. When King Vidor came to the planning of his scenes for "Billy the Kid," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre, he found that the question of appropriate canines was indeed an important one.

"Billy the Kid" is an historic recital of the life of the Wild West's most famous character. It deals largely with the town of Lincoln, New Mexico, and the famous cattleman's "war" which took place there.

Therefore "Lincoln" when reproduced, had to be accurate in every particular. And the dogs couldn't be wire-haired fox terriers or German police dogs or water spaniels. Vidor's choice, in fact, was limited to mongrels of uncertain breed, shepherds, greyhounds or collies. John Mack Brown, Wallace Beery, Kay Johnson and Karl Dane head a large cast in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"THE BOUDOIR DIPLOMAT."

All the splendor of European court life is shown in a number of colorful scenes of "The Boudoir Diplomat," the daring Universal comedy which is now enjoying a successful engagement at the Central Theatre. These brilliant scenes represent the terrace outside the royal palace of the kingdom of Luvania during a state ball, and the majority of men in attendance are dressed in the gorgeous uniforms of their various military units. Helmeted guards stand at attention before the great doors, and beautiful women in court dress throng the terraces.

The gigantic setting for these scenes was erected "on the lot" at Universal City, California. In these scenes appeared all the principal players of "The Boudoir Diplomat," including Betty Compson, Ian Keith, Mary Duncan, Jeanette Loff, Lawrence Grant, Lionel Belmore and Andre Beranger. Malcolm St. Clair directed.

KING'S THEATRE.

"TOM SAWYER"

Hundreds of children, and hundreds more who have not forgotten their childhood, will enjoy the adventures of Tom Sawyer. Huck, Becky, Aunt Polly and Injun Joe, at the King's Theatre to-day when "Tom Sawyer," Mark Twain's classic of childhood is unrolled upon the screen. Tom Sawyer is the kind of material which is admirably suited to talking pictures, and the big parts are in the hands of very capable young players, Jackie Coogan, Mitzi Green and Junior Durkin. Jackie Coogan, in losing his little boyhood, has lost nothing of his charm or of his histrionic gifts. He makes an admirable Tom Sawyer. His is a more faithful interpretation, probably than any English lad could give, for Mark Twain wrote of the American boy as he knew and understood him, and Master Coogan for all his Irish name, is an "100 per cent. American."

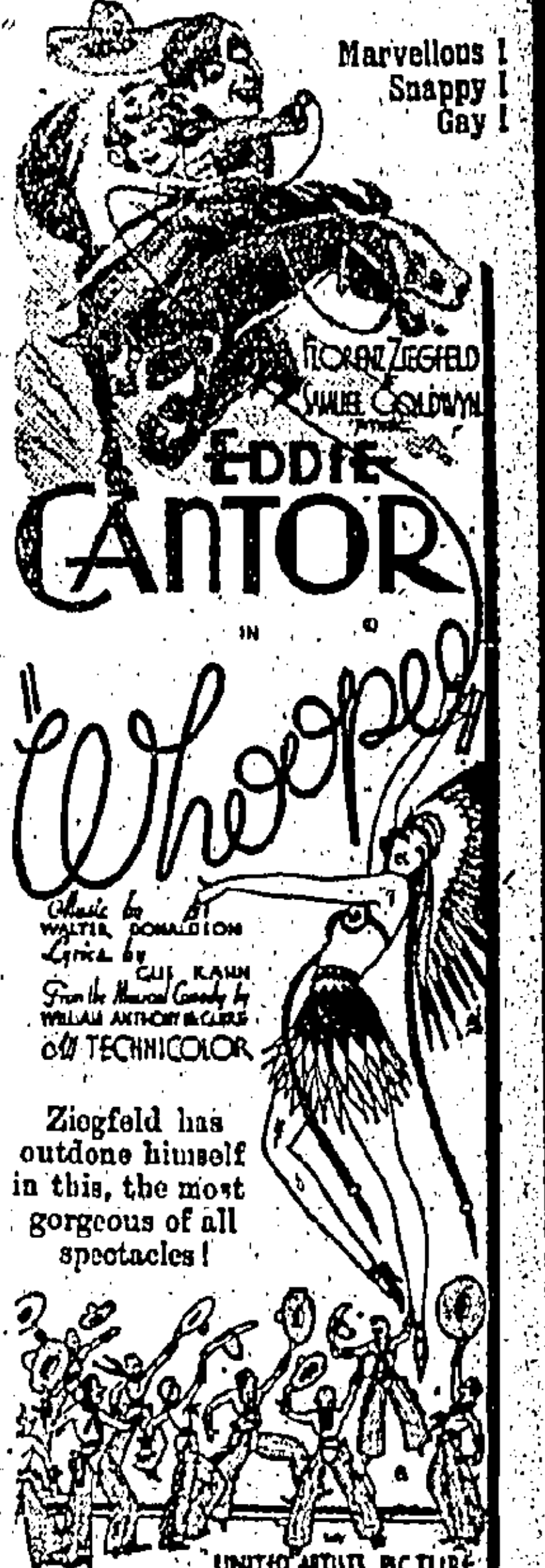
"Tom Sawyer" has received excellent Press notices and we believe that if you fail to see it you will be missing one of the most enjoyable shows which the talking screen has had to offer.

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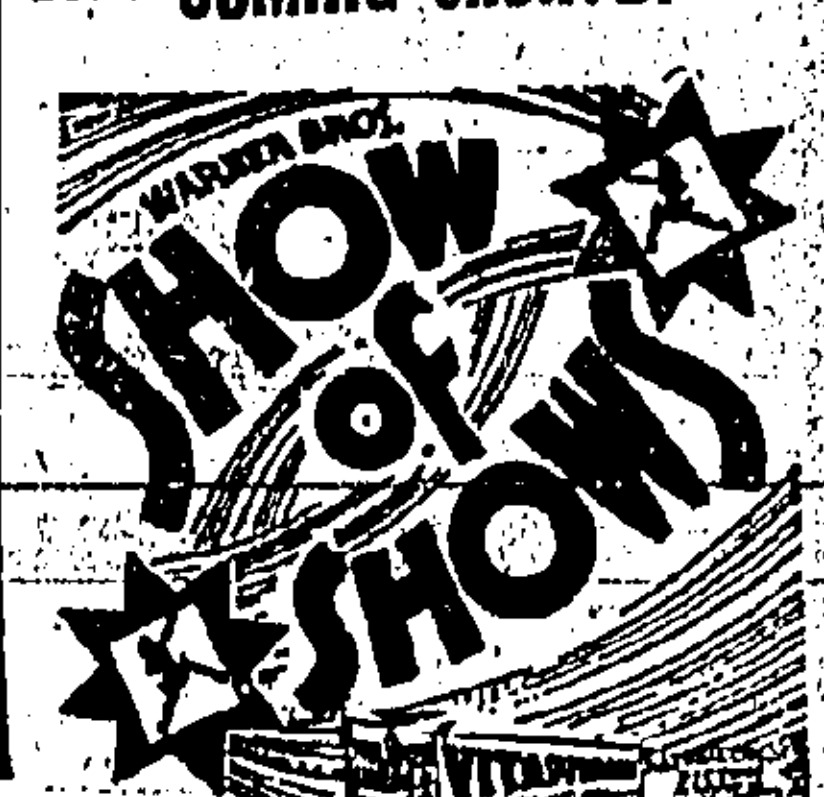
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RESISTANCES IN YOUR SET.

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Fixed Condensers.

So you can say that the grid leak is a very bad conductor of current, though not so bad that it enters into the "insulator" class. But a fixed condenser is supposed to be a well-insulated device. Connect a battery across its two terminals and completely negligible current should pass.

But one often meets grid condensers of shoddy construction made of material whose resistances actually test out at figures below that of the average grid leak. Such a condenser ceases to be purely a condenser, and sets itself to do work similar to that of the grid leak (which does not want help). The results may be a distinct upset in the operation of the receiver.

And because a substance looks black and has the general appearance of ebonite, it does not follow that it necessarily has the insulating properties of a proper rubber-sulphur combination. Of course, there are many "synthetic" insulators composed from tar extracts and so on that are quite good, except that they frequently tend to be over brittle.

Not a Success.

A valve holder on a test on the bench readily passed current between its various terminals through the black composition comprising its main moulding. It conducted as readily as a solid lump of metal, but it would have made a passable anode resistance, the more knowledgeable of you will gather that as a valve holder it couldn't be regarded as a particularly bright success!

On the other side of the picture fixed condensers embody almost miraculously good insulation, insulation so closely approaching perfection that one cannot fail to pay tribute to the British manufacturers concerned. The electrical resistance constituted between the terminals of these condensers is so terrific that they will hold charges of electricity for days at a stretch. Connect one across the mains for a second and you could post an electric shock to a friend in it!

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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CONCERT.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Weather report, local time.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.
3.30 to 8.30 p.m.—Chinese studio concert.

7 p.m.—Stock quotations.
9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.

8.30 to 10.45 p.m. (approximately).—Relay of St. George's concert from the Lee Theatre. During the interval there will be a recorded programme from the studio. The Victor records used in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

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A fact-finding instrument for radio fault-finders which takes the guess out of trouble hunting and accurately measures the quantity of electrical interference. In micro-volts per meter, has been developed by the General Engineering Laboratory of the General Electric Co.

The new instrument is called a radio noise meter and is not to be confused with meters made to measure noises audible to the human ear. This meter records the quantity of noise, generally described as electrical interference, made audible only by radio receivers.

The meter locates the source of the noise and measures its intensity. The need for a measuring instrument has been felt for some time, and such organizations as the National Electric Light Association, Radio Manufacturers Association and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association have been hampered in their efforts to improve radio receiving conditions by the lack of a standard testing instrument and a standard of measurement. The noise meter makes possible a comparison of the test results of different investigators; it gives manufacturers of electrical apparatus a means for measuring the amount of radio noise created by the apparatus, and the meter also gives an invaluable method of obtaining data upon which fair and reasonable rules and ordinances may be based. Many municipalities, anxious to protect radio listeners from excessive electrical interference, have passed ordinances limiting "permissible" interference. The trouble, heretofore, has been to define "permissible."

The radio noise meter consists of two parts, a receiver unit to detect and indicate radio noise, and a calibrating unit to measure the intensity of the noise in micro-volts

per meter, which is the customary unit of measurement of radio signals.

The receiver is enclosed in an aluminum box and weighs thirty pounds. Six tubes are used. The pick-up is obtained with a rod antenna, two meters long. Using the meter, a radio noise corresponding to a field intensity of three micro-volts per meter may be measured. With the head phones, it is possible to measure still lower noise levels. A search coil may be used to investigate noises around motor brushes, transformer ground leads, etc.

The calibrating unit is also enclosed in an aluminum box which is fastened to the side of the receiver. The calibrating unit is so designed that the radio noise may be measured with any antenna that may be used with the receiver. The output of the calibrating unit may be varied from zero to 10,000 micro-volts per meter.

A feature of the instrument is the standard noise created and by means of which it becomes possible to measure the intensity of the interfering noise. Operation of the instrument consists in adjusting the intensity dial until the standard noise reads the same on the meter as the radio noise. The intensity in micro-volts per meter is then read from a curve. Switching from standard to radio noise is accomplished by depressing and releasing a key switch. The standard noise is obtained by alternately charging a network of small condensers from a dry battery and discharging into the antenna in such a way as to produce a noise that closely imitates the usual transmission line noise.

The portability of the instrument makes it readily applicable to tests in the field, in the home or wherever the radio noise may occur. It is especially useful to measure radio noise on transmission lines, house wiring, around distribution points, or electrical apparatus of any description.

WAR OFFICE MEAT CONTRACTS.

DISAPPOINTMENT IN AUSTRALIA.

Sydney. — Much disappointment has been occasioned in Australia by the failure of this country to secure War Office meat contracts in the face of foreign competition.

The announcement that the annual contract for 1,500,000 tons of meat had gone to South America was unfavourably commented upon in many quarters. General opinion was summarised by the Chairman of the New South Wales Meat Board, Mr. J. B. Cramsie, who bitterly remarked that the British Government, although it was Lahpur, was prepared to place contracts with foreign countries having cheaper labour and a very much lower standard of living than the Dominions, and yet prated of raising the standard of living of its own workers.

"Australia," said Mr. Cramsie, "has been successful on occasions in securing contracts for army supplies both in times of peace and war, especially during the period that the Australian Meat Council was in existence to urge its claim upon the British Government, but the South Americans are able, with their huge organisations, to cut these contracts to a price that will not allow our Australian canners to compete and pay award wages."

"Surely," Mr. Cramsie continued, "in times of peace the British Government can allow the contracts to be supplied from competitors within the British Dominions and from stock raised under the British flag so that in times of war our canning plants and working crews would be at that of the highest bidder—should be kept in a state of the highest efficiency?"

THE NAVY OF TO-MORROW.

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We thus require no specialised vessels for trade defence and blockade purposes. We need, in the coming years, a large number of simple, well-armed and well-armoured vessels of moderate speed and great sea-keeping capacity. On the basis of our existing total tonnage we could have a fleet of the following composition:—

Battleships	25
Armoured cruisers	38
Unarmoured cruisers	112
Small submarines	100
Sloop (minesweepers)	33
River gun-boats	18
Surveying ships	9
Total	305

Our present total is 310.

Owing to the simplicity of the ships advocated, and to the moderate speed installed, the personnel needed for such a fleet would be approximately 55,000. Allowing 10,000 over and above those actually manning the ships, men waiting for draft and under training, we should require a total personnel of 105,000 in the Royal Navy, nearly 40,000 less than in 1914 before the outbreak of hostilities.

It is not suggested for a moment that, in total tonnage, this fleet is necessarily the fleet of the future. The size of the Navy must always be affected by the size of European navies. A two-power standard should always be our minimum, though, in view of our world-wide responsibilities, there is a minimum in our cruiser needs which is unaffected by other navies.

Thus, to take an extreme case, if foreign navies were abolished we should still require a considerable cruiser fleet if privateering and piracy are not once again to raise their heads on the High Seas.

I have been careful to emphasise that such a fleet as I have fore-shadowed can only come into being gradually. Our existing fleet, shorn right away of a few of its more extravagant units, will in any case become obsolete in the not distant future. If the argument in my book is sound, as Admiral Cusance maintains, and our future fleet, in its main outlines, the right one, annual replacements can, in the ordinary course, produce it.

The Navy, and the Navy alone, can decide whether such a fleet is, in main essentials, the Navy of To-morrow. To laymen its attractions are to be found in its relative cheapness of construction and maintenance. Each individual ship is cheap owing to the exclusion of the most costly features of our later ships—extreme speed. Its maintenance will be relatively cheap, not only on account of its simplicity but because it will not require great shore establishments and a great shore personnel.

Being exclusively coal-burning, the annual cost of its maintenance will be redistributed to the nation as a whole in work and wages. Its material and fuel can be, and therefore should be, exclusively British. Indeed, it is deserving of emphasis that a Navy that is nationally entirely self-supporting and self-sufficient is not so great a drain on national resources as it has become the habit to assume.

It is true that the annual outlay on the Navy is, economically, unproductive, as, indeed, is most other public expenditure, but it is equally true that this annual naval expenditure, if efficiently laid out, is not a high premium to pay for the insurance of the productive activities and freedom of a vast Empire which can obtain true security and defence by no other means.

A numerous cruiser fleet has always, as a matter of history, coincided with the national prosperity and booming trade. Trade needs that security which the Navy alone can provide.

SZECHUAN STILL IN CONFUSION.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF FIGHTING.

BANKS CLOSE THEIR DOORS.

Chongtu, April 2.—Reports as to the fighting that has been going on between the forces of General Li Chih-shiang and the other generals of the 28th army are very confusing.

General Li seems to have been driven out of, or to have withdrawn, from one or two important centres along the main road to Chungking and there seems to be a disposition on the part of some, at least of his rivals to finish the job properly and make an end of his career as one of the most successful, from a monetary standpoint, of the military men of the province.

On the other hand, it is stated that General Li has written to his superior officers acknowledging his mistakes and promising to obey instruction in the future.

General Yang Sen is supposed to have representatives in Chongtu who are seeking peaceful means of settling the present troubles, but at the same time he is suspected of being the main instigator of General Li in what he did, and to be waiting for the defeat of General Li, when he will seize the opportunity of occupying this desirable territory.

General Li is credited with having over 100,000 troops under his command and General Yang Sen with about 50,000. Some casualties have been reported in the Press but nothing in the way of definite information as to actual fighting is yet available.

Communications Interrupted. Communications between this city and Chungking are interrupted as is always the case when fighting is in the air, but some postal runners are getting through with local mail.

Yesterday the city was haggard in honour of a representative of the Nanking Government who was arriving from Chungking. His report on the situation may have something to do with the relative positions of the respective officials.

Within the last month several banks have been forced to close their doors, leaving their worthless bank-notes in the hands of the public. As most of the smaller banks in the city have the backing of some military man this bank failure method really works out as another form of public support of the useless armies that have to be fed and clothed in order to make the position of their officers assured. In these private banks, all of which issue paper notes, and in the numberless lotteries of the city, the military men who lack them have a never failing source of income which can be manipulated according to circumstances.

Shortage of Rain.

There has been no rain for a matter of weeks which, at the time of the year, cause the people generally much concern. The city authorities have declared a fast and no pork or beef can be bought. Rice becomes dearer almost daily and is now selling at a price which, to the local people, seems exorbitant.

Whatever the real explanation, there has been recently almost nightly raids by armed bands within a radius of a mile from the city. These bands are well organized and so well armed that the local militia are afraid to come to grips with them. A farm house is surrounded and in case of resistance the robbers do not hesitate to shoot down those whom they are about to despoil. That such things can take place practically under the walls of the city is sufficient comment on the kind of protection given to the people by those in authority.

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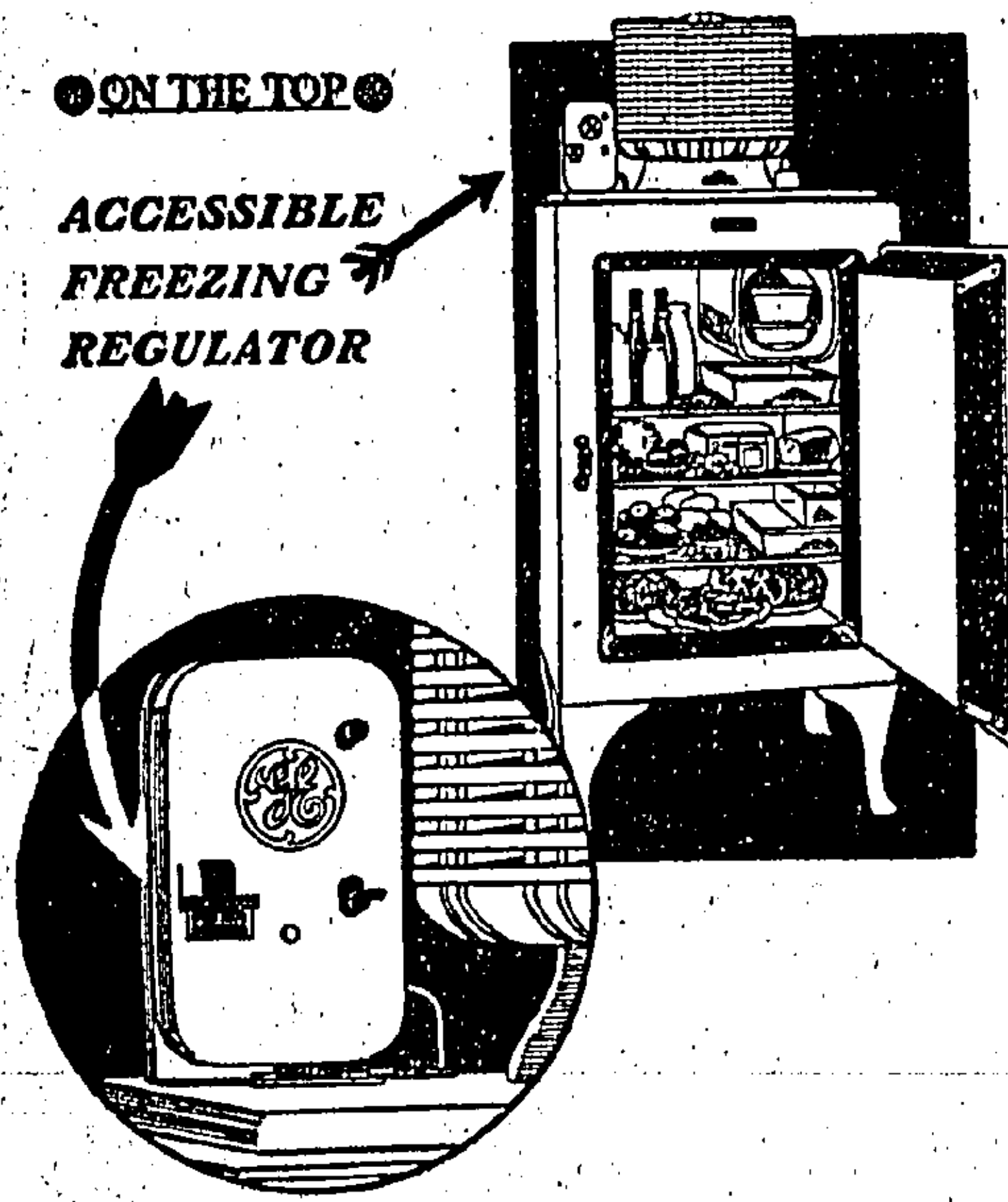
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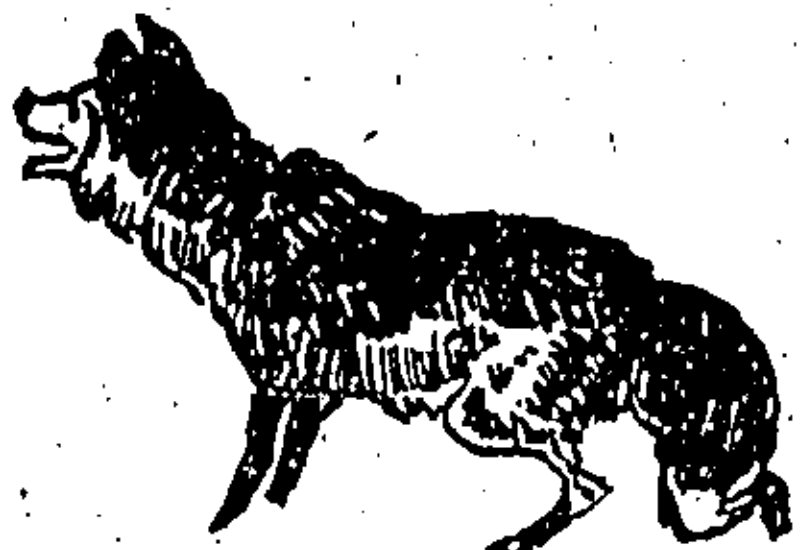
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COMPANY MEETING.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S SATISFACTORY YEAR.

REVIEWED BY HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA.

Presiding at the annual meeting of share holders of the Hong Kong Construction Company Limited, the Hon. J. P. Braga, in reviewing a very satisfactory year, said that two things had contributed to the happy state of affairs. The first was the great extent of building operation in Hong Kong during the past year. The second was the exercise of a rigid economy in all departments, together with the total elimination of all expenditure on a gold basis. The policy had been to think and act in terms of silver dollars only.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—
I afford your Board of Directors much pleasure to meet you today with results of the Company's working for the past year that may be considered quite satisfactory. This is the first occasion, since the formation of the Company in 1922, that the Trading Account has shown profit, and your patience, exercised over a period of nearly ten years, is now to be rewarded with a small dividend.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account give in detail the figures that need be presented to you in order that you may arrive at a correct idea of the position of your Company. There seems no need for me to comment on individual items in the Balance Sheet, although I should perhaps mention, with regard to "Sundry Debtors, Deposits, etc., less Reserve \$40,542.50," that the whole of this sum is well secured.

You will have seen from the Profit and Loss Account that, after charging Working Account with the comparatively large sum of \$16,819.57 for depreciation, as well as providing for Auditors' Fees, Managing Director's and Directors' Fees, the profit, together with Interest and Transfer Fees, amounts to \$37,441.55, which enable your Directors to recommend—

That a Dividend of 15 per cent, or 30 cents per share, absorbing \$23,690.00, be paid in respect of the past year, and that the balance of \$23,791.55 be carried forward to the credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year 1931.

Conservative Policy.

It is in pursuance of a conservative policy that your Directors have decided to write so large a sum as \$16,819.57 off Buildings, Plant, Machinery and Equipment, and Motor Trucks and Junk, etc. These various assets now stand in the books of the Company at figures considerably below replacement cost. In view of the rapidly deteriorating nature of the Company's equipment and appliances, I hope you will agree that the policy I have just mentioned is the correct one, rather than the paying away of a larger percentage of profit in dividend to shareholders.

You will probably like to be informed as to the factors contributing to the satisfactory result achieved during the past year. There were two main factors influencing these results. The first was the great extent of building operations carried on in Hong Kong; and the second, the rigid economy in all departments and, in particular, the total elimination of all expenditure on a gold basis, even where salaries of the technical staff were concerned; for it must be remembered that the Company's earnings are all in dollars. Except in the case of certain materials used in certain classes of work which we have to undertake and into which the gold factor enters, your Directors' practical policy has been to think and act in terms of silver dollars only, always, however, keeping in mind the inevitable contingency of sterling obligations in the matter of replacement of plant and appliances. We will continue in your interest to pursue this policy. At the same time, I think it is due to you to state that the present abnormal building activity may not be of long duration and that remunerative contracts may not always be within the means of your Company to secure. We must be alive to the fact that competition has to be faced, and with its growing intensity, profits are likely to be proportionately reduced. On the other hand, every effort will be made to retain valued clients with which we maintain friendly and profitable connections.

Important Decision.

The year under review is notable for an important decision affecting the Company. This decision was arrived at at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders,

held on September 10 last, when a resolution was submitted to you for a Reorganization of the Capital of the Company. The Capital Reduction was duly effected after all legal requirements had been complied with, with the satisfactory result that your Directors have since been able to place before you.

You will recall the fact that at one stage of the Company's existence, not so long ago, doubts existed in the minds of certain shareholders as to whether the Company should go into voluntary liquidation or whether another effort should be made for the successful conduct of your business before winding up was decided upon. A private meeting of shareholders was held on April 22 last year to go into the question in all its bearings. The shareholders at that meeting decided by a large majority to carry on. The wisdom of that decision has been justified by the results shown in the Report and Accounts now under review.

It will be remembered by those who attended the private meeting I have just referred to, that your Directors informed the shareholders that it was their policy to restrict the Company's operations to certain classes of work only, for the time being. We considered at the time that such a policy would be a wise and prudent one, as in the then financial position of the Company it might not have been in your best interests to embark on large undertakings. That policy, however, in the opinion of your Directors, may now be modified. We feel, with the improved financial resources we now possess, that we are justified in recommending a change of policy in substitution for that which restricted us to certain classes of work that may not always come our way and that could only be secured on an intensely competitive basis. I need hardly state that this change of policy is made in the best interests of shareholders in the view and in the belief that a wider and more profitable field for the Company's endeavours will be open to us. In the absence of any expression of opinion to the contrary at this meeting, I will take it that you, in the best interests of shareholders as a whole, endorse the proposal of your Board regarding the change affecting the Company's future operations.

Tribute to Staff.

You will realise that your Directors' best efforts may not be capable of achieving satisfactory results without the loyal support of the Company's staff. It is gratifying for me to record that we have on all occasions received willing assistance from all members of the staff, without which it would have been impossible to present you figures like those I have just reviewed to you.

During the year Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., was invited to, and accepted a seat on, the Board of Directors. On the departure from leave of Sir Robert Ho Tung, K.C., from the Colony, Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu was appointed an alternate director in his stead.

Gentlemen, I think I have fairly summarised to you all the important features of last year's working results incorporated in the Report and Statement of Accounts for 1930. I now move that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, that a Dividend of 15 per cent, on the Issued Capital of the Company (as reduced), or 30 cents per share, be declared in respect of the year 1930, and that the balance as credit of Profit and Loss Account for the past year, less such appropriation, be carried forward to the credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year 1931.

After any one of you, Gentlemen, has seconded this motion, I shall be happy to furnish any further information relating to these accounts, if questions are submitted to the chair in connection therewith.

In rising to second the motion Mr. Joseph Gould congratulated the Board on the improvement. The Company had passed through a very trying time but was now on a sound footing.

Other Business.

The appointment of Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., to the Board, was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. A. Zimmerman.

Messrs. J. Scott Harston and J. T. Bagram were re-elected directors, upon the motion of Mr. M. A. Figueiredo, seconded by Mr. A. H. Basto.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors to the company, Mr. A. A. Botelho who made the motion, being seconded by Mr. M. A. Gomes.

Those Present.

Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. T. Bagram, Lo Cheung-shi (directors), Mr. A. R. F. Raven, (technical adviser), and Mr. B. Alfes (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. M. H. Lo, A. Zimmerman, A. A. Botelho, M. A. Figueiredo, Mr. A. Gomes, Joseph Gould, and A. H. Basto.

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

CROUCHER & CO.'S DAILY REPORT.

On the whole the market at the close yesterday remained firm, investment shares still being in good demand at current rates.

Both Lands and Humphreys improved and sales took place at \$88 and \$17.10 but a few shares were on offer at a little over.

Wharfe again changed hands at \$105 and China Providents were looked at \$3.55 and Hong Kong Electric \$7.50, at which rate buyers prevail.

Dairy Farms were also taken at \$26.50 and \$26.60 and Amusements at the same rates.

Trains continue in request and \$18.50 is offered for July Settlement.

China Lights came in for a lot of attention but closed decidedly weaker at \$24.75 cash, which is 75 cents down on yesterday's peak, and buyers forward are only offering \$26.25 for June.

Hotels are wanted both for cash and forward delivery at \$14.50 and \$15 July.

Underwriters were quiet with sales at \$3.10.

Telephones were easier on profit taking business being done at \$43.

Cements were slightly stronger buyers offering \$18.50 cash.

SHATIN RAILWAY SMASH.

TRAFFIC MAY BE CLOSED TILL JUNE.

FURTHER VICTIMS.

Although the work on the wrecked railway engine and carriages has been going on incessantly since Monday evening, there is yet still a lot to be done. When interviewed by our representative yesterday, Mr. Walker, acting General Manager of the Railway, said that everything possible was being done but he did not think there would be any train service for some time.

Mr. Walker added that the position was very much the same as the previous day. There is a gang of 50 coolies at work on the scene and they would remain there until the work is completed.

"We cannot do much without a crane," Mr. Walker said, "for the wreckage is in an extremely awkward position, and there is a grave risk that if we attempt anything without adequate equipment, the lives of some of our workmen may be lost. At present we are attempting to cut through the fourth coach, but I do not know if we shall continue with that task."

Bodies Seen in Wreckage.

Two bodies can now be seen in the wreckage and every attempt is being made to get them out. Whether the mass of tangled wood and metal that remains of the third coach has any more bodies pinned beneath it is difficult to say.

Regarding the washaway at Shatin, Mr. Lambert, Chief Engineer for the Railway, said that they had already started work, but much timber had to be prepared before a real start could be made at the actual washaway.

"It will be better for us to make a full job of it, while we are about it," continued Mr. Lambert. "Purely temporary repairs will not do, for it will have to stand the weight of heavy breakdown equipment which includes our special crane weighing 84 tons."

The speaker added that unless the work turned out to be easier than it appears, there is no hope of the service being resumed before June.

In our report yesterday, it was stated that the engine driver had succumbed to his injuries but this was incorrect. An inquiry was made at the hospital by our representative and that was the information given by a responsible person there.

Relief Fund.

A relief fund has been started by a few prominent Chinese businessmen and we have no doubt that this will receive the generous support of the public.

THE YUNNANFU MURDERS. SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

YUNNANFU, April 6.

Detectives assigned to the case of the slaying of Mrs. Miller and Mrs. White returned to Yunnanfu Sunday evening, April 6, with the suspected ringleader of the gang who perpetrated the ghastly crime.

Three or four others were taken within a day or two of the murders. They have insisted that the most recently seized culprit was the one who really did the killing. He is reported to be denying it. At any rate they can all be faced with the charge in a way to get at the approximate truth. They will probably have a speedy trial and it is hoped that due punishment will be meted out.

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AIR LINK BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROJECT BEING ENERGETICALLY PUSHED.

Tokyo, April 17.—Anticipating the inauguration of aerial services between China and Japan in the form of an airline from Shanghai to Nagasaki, officials of the Department of Railways and the Japan Aviation Company today prepared to negotiate with Chinese officials for combination railway-airplane tickets.

Already plans have been made to make it possible for a passenger purchasing a single ticket at Tokyo to travel by rail and aeroplane from Tokyo to Dairen. The ticket would provide transportation from Tokyo to Osaka and from Osaka to Fukuoka by train. From Fukuoka he would cross the China Sea via Korea to Dairen.

Before the end of the coming summer this arrangement is to become effective for the convenience of tourists and other travellers. A similar scheme is to be worked out in the event of the inauguration of an airline between Shanghai and Nagasaki.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Chairman was supported by the following members of the General Committee:—Mr. T. H. R. Shaw (Vice-Chairman), the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Messrs. W. H. Bell, V. M. Grayburn, Paul Lauder, T. E. Pearce, M. St. J. Walsh and J. P. Warren; with the following co-opted members: The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Lt.-Comdr. H. S. Sqaunce, R.N., with the Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The conclusions of the Currency Committee appointed by the local Government have been made public and accord in general with the opinion of your Committee on the points submitted. I will refer only to two of the points considered by that Committee. The first was the premium on the paper dollar. This was generally condemned as harmful to the trade of the Colony, and although no immediately practicable means of abolishing it were apparent, the opinion was expressed that under the prudent policy being pursued by the note-issuing banks, the premium would disappear in time. As a fact it has now disappeared, and although some of the evils rather freely attributed to it still remain with us, we may, I think, now deprive some modified consolation from the fact that our dollar, though it be poor, is at any rate honest.

The question of this Colony going on a gold standard has been much discussed, and your Committee has recorded its opinion that the change is inadvisable while China remains on a silver standard. You will not expect me here to enter at length into the considerations that have influenced that opinion. I will only say that the Chamber welcomes with much satisfaction the Currency Mission that has recently arrived from Home to examine the whole question, following the suggestion of the Currency Committee. The result of its deliberations will be awaited with great interest, and its members may be assured of the full co-operation of this Chamber in all matters concerning which it may be of assistance.

B.O.T. Rules.

During the year the provision of anti-piracy protection on steamers plying in the Far East has been re-organised. You will remember that the British Authorities decided to limit the guards, provided by the Military, which had been sent to the East Indies and East Africa, to drawn off April 1, 1930. After urgent representations these guards were continued for a period, but only on condition that the individual companies availing themselves of this protection against piracy undertook in writing to accept guards provided by the Hong Kong Police Department, which had become available, and that in the meantime the military guards were paid for in full by the companies using them. There being no alternative protection in these conditions had to be accepted under protest.

In order to provide for larger expenditure due to increased sterling commitments as a result of the financial exchange, the Hong Kong Government introduced in the last Budget new taxation of the local fishing vessels of ocean-going size, of 2 cents per ton per cent and on river steamers from five to sixths of a cent to 15 cents per ton, and double fees for the use of Government buoys. The decision was defended by the Government on the ground that shipping companies, in the majority of cases, either operate on a gold basis or have increased their dollar charges accordingly.

The dues then in force were imposed when the dollar was at a value of 100 to the Hong Kong dollar. The Government therefore defended the proposed increases as fair and equitable. I venture to repeat once what I said in Council at an earlier time:

You will find in the Committee's Annual Report reference to an old and familiar question—the purchase of Government stores through the Crown Agents, and the desirability of ensuring a greater share of Government orders to merchants in the arena to whose revenues they contribute. You will see that we have not been able to get very far, but we are now looking at the question from a different angle and are making representations to the Government to the effect that when it does invite tenders from local firms, it shall at least put them on terms as favourable as those offered for purchases made through the Crown Agents.

The value of a working knowledge of the Chinese language to employees of local commercial firms has often been urged by my predecessors in this chair, and I am pleased to say that, as regards numbers on the roll, the records of the Chamber's Language School continue to be satisfactory. Fifty students attended the school during 1930. It has to be admitted, however, that difficulty is often experienced in maintaining classes at full strength, owing to the transfer of students to Hong Kong in connection with their employment, and also to the fact that often "fall by the wayside" or, realising that the serious study of Cantonese Colloquial involves sacrificing some other interests, irregular attendance in some cases adds to the difficulty of maintaining standards and completing the various courses in the prescribed period. I am glad to say that during the year we were able to repair the loss to the school caused by the retirement of Dr. Pearce, the founder of the school, who left the Colony a few years ago. The Rev. E. H. Wells, still full of energy, has been in Hong Kong for nearly 25 years, and his direction of the school and the revision of text books. After holiday at Home he is returning to the Colony in 1932, and hopes to continue in charge for the next four years. I trust he may enjoy that measure of health and strength which will enable this expectation to be fulfilled.

I now beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any question which a member may desire to ask.

Decline in Cotton Trade.
Unquestionably the decline of Lancashire's trade is due to the fact that prices are too high, and while the cost of cotton has declined to a very low level, export prices have not been reduced in the same proportion. Personally, I cannot share the opinion that the British cotton trade is lost for ever, because I am convinced that Lancashire will find the means eventually to produce on a competitive basis and regain, to some extent, her lost China trade.

Marketing System.
The Sub-Mission have, however, emphasised some definite alternatives in respect of methods of marketing out here. Admittedly, there is scope for improving our marketing system, but, provided we are given competitive prices, even with our existing organisations, we feel sure that Lancashire will obtain a full measure of support from European importers in China and Hong Kong.

Turning to the report, it is not with regret that the representation made by the Committee to the Colonial Government have met with so little response. Apparently there have been few instances in which the Government has acceded to the considered judgment of the Chamber. It is to be hoped that the representations concerning tenders for Government requirements will meet with greater sympathy, and that local merchants will be given an opportunity of putting forward proposals on terms equal to those afforded by the Crown Agents at Home.

Government for re-establishing the Statistical Department, which is the greatest value and fills a long felt want. I understand that some firms are remiss in making returns, but I trust that these omissions will be rectified so that the figures can be regarded as more or less accurate. Otherwise, the Statistics will not serve the purpose for which they are required and the cost to the Department becomes a waste of public funds.

It is gratifying to learn that many students are taking advantage of the facilities provided for learning Chinese, and I understand that the Chamber's organisation is working to capacity. It is a matter of satisfaction that Mr. Wells has undertaken to direct the school on his return to the Colony next year.

Chairman's hopeful remarks concerning the return of peace to China. We all have commercial interests in China and we are waiting, not without anxiety, the external territoriality negotiations now taking place in Nanking. Notwithstanding our strong sympathy for Chinese national aspirations, we hope—and must assume—that whatever agreement is reached,

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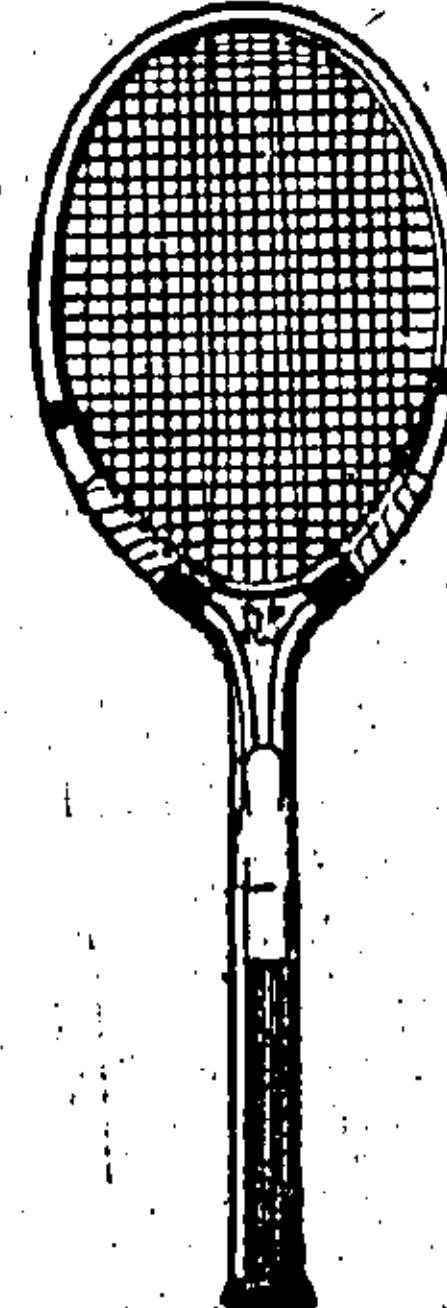
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF JAMES ROBERTS, LATE
OF VICTORIA, IN THE COLONY
OF HONG KONG, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has, by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance
1897 (No. 2 of 1897), made an Order
limiting the time for sending in Claims
to or against the above Estate to the
12th DAY OF MAY, 1931.

Creditors and Claimants are hereby
required to send their Claims to the
Undersigned by the above Date.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1931.

E. P. H. LANG,
Official Administrator [640]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and
ENTRY FORMS for the
FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING,
to be held on SATURDAY, 2nd
MAY, 1931 (Weather Permitting),
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WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and
remarks issued by the Royal Obser-
vatory, Hong Kong, at 5.15 p.m.
yesterday state:—

The depression is moving into the
Pacific to the N.E. of Japan. The
anti-cyclone over N.E. China has
strengthened.

Local forecast:—Easterly winds,
moderate to fresh, overcast, some
rain.

BIRTH.

ASHBY.—On April 17, at Shanghai,
to Capt. and Mrs. REGINALD H.
G. ASHBY, a son.

MARRIAGE.

HOTIMSKY—ROSENTOON.—On April
16, at Shanghai EUGENE AARON
HOTIMSKY to RACHEL MICHEL
ROSENTOON.

DEATH.

WONG.—On April 17, at Shanghai,
LEESHI WONG, wife of Mr. WONG
CHEE, Managing Director of the
Sincere Co., Ltd., Shanghai,
aged 70.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family and relatives of the
late CHAN CHEW wish to thank
friends for the kindly sym-
pathies expressed at the obsequies
of the deceased.

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A NEW NAVY, PLEASE.

CAPTAIN BERNARD ACWORTH, R.N.,
has made a great stir with his book,
"The Navies of To-day and To-
morrow," in which he urges the re-
building of the British Fleet on
entirely new lines. Capt. Acworth
does not concern himself with any
doubts as to whether fleets, apart
from policing purposes, will be
necessary in the future. He writes
on the assumption that they will,
and that Disarmament is a chimera
of the visionary's brain.

Captain Acworth squares up to
the problem, "What is the British
Fleet for?" Before the War the
answer was as follows: "To block-
ade the German High Seas Fleet, by
closing the Dover Straits and the
Norwegian-Scottish exits, and to
hunt down all German cruisers,
raiders and submarines that may
be operating on the trade routes." But
to-day there is no Navy, of any
considerable power, that we could
hope to contain. Even in the
Great War we could not blockade
submarines. The whole theory of
blockade strategy, which we de-
veloped in the eighteenth century,
and have pursued in war ever since,
has to be modified, if not abandoned.

Captain Acworth would say that
the British Fleet to-day must be
prepared to seek out and destroy
any enemy fleet, and at all times
to secure convoy of trading ships.
The idea of keeping the seas clear
for single merchant ships to sail
in safety in time of war has to be
jettisoned in these days of air-craft
and submarines.

The technical problem arises as
to the most suitable ships for this
task of convoy, and coast protec-
tion and pitched battle. The late
Lord Fisher was addicted to super-
latives, and wanted the biggest
ships, the fastest ships and the
heaviest guns. He was right up to
a point. The Dreadnought was the
logical development of what went
before, but it is doubtful if the

immense Rodney, Nelson, and even
the Queen Elizabeth class were ad-
visable. For speed there was a good
case in his day, and extra speed
nearly enabled us to surround the
whole German Fleet. We knew that
the Germans, with the smaller fleet,
would seek to avoid a general
action, and superior speed alone
would enable us to force the issue.
But when the main function of the
fleet is to protect our shores and
our convoys then great speed is not
essential. As to guns, the best gun

is that which hits. The damage
done by a twelve-inch projectile is
enormous, and while a calibre near
that figure is probably necessary,
extra weight is less advantage-
ous than accuracy. At Jutland
BEATTY's guns were far heavier than
VON HIPPER's, but there was no
doubt who had the best of the
battle-cruiser encounter, because the
German shells got home, and ours
missed.

Naval strategy is largely a matter
of the outlay of money. A Nelson
or Queen Elizabeth would—luck,
fancies and gunnery being equal,
which they never are—sink one
of Captain Acworth's 12,000-ton
battleships, with six big guns and
slow speed. But probably two, or
even three, such pocket battleships
could be built for the cost of the
Nelson, and then, on paper, there
might be better value for the
money. Lord FISHER would have
clamoured for a Nelson against
every pocket battleship in every
possibly hostile fleet, but probably
he would say on the tactical prob-
lem, "Give me the big 'un, she
will pick off each opponent in turn,
at her own range." The argument
must be left to the experts. Captain
Acworth summarises his theory in
an article which we reprint, on page
1, from the London *Morning Post*,
and he states it at length in his
book.

Captain Acworth has no faith in
aircraft carriers, or deep-sea sub-
marines, and he revives the
claims of the discredited armoured
cruiser; but his fleet is at least the
logical creation of a definite concep-
tion of tactics and strategy. Most
surprising is his demand for a re-
turn to coal fuel, but there he shows
appreciation of the advice of that
great naval historian, Admiral
MAHAN, who reminded officers that
it was part of their duty to under-
stand politics, home and foreign,
in-so-far as there was reaction upon
their profession. Captain Acworth
points out the advantage of stimu-
lating and pleasing the coal in-
dustry by using British coal in the
Fleet. He says that we should not
be dependent upon overseas supplies
of oil, but if Britain had so far
lost control of the trade routes that
we could not bring in our oil fuel,
the end would be in sight. Captain
Acworth is a most stimulating
critic and has earned the gratitude
of all who have at heart the welfare
of our Navy. But equally he shows,
without meaning to, that men have
outgrown armaments and must
learn to settle disputes amicably,
for another big war will finally
destroy civilisation and the science
out of which armaments are creat-
ed.

THE POLICEMAN'S POCKET WIRELESS.

If the report be true that successful
experiments are being made with a
miniature wireless receiving set so
convenient in size that it can be
attached to a constable's normal
equipment, another and a highly
valuable step may be taken to
lessen the odds in favour of the
modern criminal. In Hong Kong,
where the police do not often have
to cope with big distances and a
maze of roads, such an innovation
would not be of much use, except
in the outlying districts of the New
Territories.

But in England, as in America,
increased mobility has been all to
the advantage of the law breaker.
The last report on crime in
England emphasised the fact that
since 1914 "breaking in" has in-
creased in the Home Counties by
the disquieting figure of over 400
per cent., and attributed this in
the main to the advent of the motor-
car. To the cracksmen with a car
the weekend bungalow and the re-
mote country house are an all-too-
easy mark, and against his depreda-
tions the rural constable making
his long round among widely scat-
tered dwellings has laboured at a
great disadvantage. The criminal's
trick of borrowing a car to "do
a job" and then abandoning it far
from the scene of the crime is one
of the most baffling the police have
to face, for even if Scotland Yard's
redoubtable flying squad, which is
the terror of the motor bandit in
London, could be duplicated else-
where, no system of patrols could
cover all the vulnerable points in
the countryside. If, however, with-
in a few minutes of the discovery
of the loss of a car every constable
in a hundred-mile radius could be
warned of its disappearance and
given its description, the way of
the motor bandit would be made
considerably harder. Incidentally,
the lot of the rural constable would
become a more exacting and excit-
ing one, and in pursuit of his
broadcast instructions to look out
for a car of a certain make he
would doubtless stop many un-
offending citizens. But that would
be a small price to pay for a much-
tightened grip on a peculiarly
elusive type of criminal.

★ News and Views ★

The Man We Envy.

"I rarely take up a pen except
to sign a cheque," Mr. Mark Ham-
bourg, explaining that a pianist's
fingers are harmed by writing.

Culpable Negligence!

There was once an old French
marquis who discharged a servant
responsible for a draught. He
swore that there was a draught in
the room. The servant maintained
that everything was closed. But
the master was right. He dis-
covered that the key of the door
had been turned sideways in the
lock!

Two Boiled Eggs Save Four Lives!

While playing golf at Fanling
on Monday afternoon four well-
known local residents were caught
in what appeared to be a cloud-
burst. They abandoned their game
and adjourned to the club-house to
change and have tea. One of the
party ordered two boiled eggs but
to his disgust the "boy" forgot to
tell the cook. Through waiting for
the eggs to be boiled the four
golfers missed the ill-fated 4.30
train from Shumchun on Monday
afternoon.

Sea Dogs.

The wooden walls of old Eng-
land are no longer wood all
through. There are brains in the
Navy to-day. Witness the follow-
ing question from an examination
paper set to the Jack Tar of
Gibraltar: "State the meaning of
the following French words and
phrases: *bête noir*, *blasé*, *comme
il faut*, *enfant terrible*, *fait ac-
compli*, *faux pass*, *hors de combat*,
noblesse oblige, *raison d'être*." Now
we know what an able-seaman says
when a marlinpike drops on his
tee.

The "Royal Scot" Train Mishap.

It is fortunate, says the *News
Chronicle* of March 24 that railway
accidents on the grand scale con-
tinue to be relatively rare events
in Great Britain for they still
make a more direct and poignant
appeal to the public imagination
than any other form of disaster.
The accident to the Royal Scot
express, which once more brought
out the courage and fortitude of
the English character, was actual-
ly witnessed by various persons;
and the field of inquiry has been
so narrowed down that it ought
not to be difficult before long to
ascertain beyond a doubt the pre-
cise reason why this powerful en-
gine jumped the points. What
must surprise most people, after
seeing photographs of the scene of
the wrecked train, is that the casu-
ality list was no heavier. Six
persons killed and five seriously
injured.

The Women of Turkey.

The fact that Turkey now has a
fully-qualified woman surgeon re-
veals the better side of what is
called the Westernisation of Tur-
key. Turkish women have emanci-
pated themselves in an almost
miraculous way from the salvery of
a rigid and age-long tradition. For
the opportunity they have to thank
a dictator's decree. Mustapha
Kemal's aim is to modernise the
Turkish people. It may well be,
according to many recent indica-
tions, that it will be left to en-
lightened womanhood to humanise
their native land and rid it of the
stain of cruelty.

When the Queen Laughs.

Queen Mary has an attractive
gift of sincere and easy laughter,
and there was no doubt that she en-
joyed the appearance of her im-
mensely serious small grand-niece
as Queen Victoria at the Cam-
bridge Theatre. It was not with
laughter, according to the Royal
Family records, that she first greet-
ed the real Queen Victoria. On
her first presentation, though she
was usually a friendly and cheer-
ful baby, the then Princess Mary
cried loudly. Later on, however,
the august Queen and her future
grand-daughter-in-law became bet-
ter friends.

The Drummer.

Young Lord Lincoln, who has
made a surprise marriage in
America, furnished the first in-
stance of a dual son and their play-
ing professionally in a jazz band.
The future Duke of Newcastle took
his duties very seriously at the
Mayfair dance club where he was
employed for several months, be-
ing very popular with other mem-
bers of the band. Undoubtedly he
had a good sense of rhythm, but
his musical ambitions soared far
above playing a drum-drum, a con-
trivance at which, by the way, the
Prince of Wales is something of
an expert.

English is perhaps the only lan-
guage which is really hospitable to
foreign words. Every year we
grant naturalisation papers to
some new emigrant; such words as
"premier," "enmouflage" and
"crantz" have all settled down com-
fortably in our language, and every
month we are enriched by the
jargon of America. Not so else-
where. No word is admitted into
the French language until it has passed
a solemn committee of the Acad-
emie Française. The Germans have
for years waged war upon the for-
eign word. The fact is, of course,
that a foreign word in English is
made to behave as if it were not,
foreign to all. In Germany, how-
ever, they still try to pronounce it
as a foreign word, and much ugliness
results.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

Two cases of diphtheria were re-
ported during the 24 hours ended
April 21.

Among the passengers sailing for
Shanghai and ports on the N.Y.K.
s.s. *Keian Maru* on Tuesday were
the Right Rev. Bishop Duppy, the
Rev. N. V. Halvard, the Rev.
C. B. Shann and Mrs. Shann.

Mr. T. Yoshida, Consul-General
for Japan, and Mrs. Yoshida, will
be the hosts at a reception to be
given at their residence, 74, Conduit
Road, on April 29, from 4.30 p.m.
to 5.30 p.m. in celebration of the
birthday of the Emperor of Japan.

According to a Naval wireless
message yesterday, the salvage
crew on the Henry Keswick, which
is towing the s.s. *Limchow* back to
Hong Kong has nearly completed
their work and it is probable that
the steamer will arrive in port to-
morrow.

An example of how aviation has
come to Hong Kong! A lady who
was staying at Fanling on Monday
night after the train smash re-
ceived a chit from her husband,
who, she thought, had left by the
ill-fated 4.30 train. The note was
dropped from a Kai Tak aeroplane,
which circled low over the Golf
Club-house for the purpose.

There was a committee meeting
of the members of the Chinese
Chamber of Commerce yesterday
afternoon, to discuss the propriety
or otherwise of the recent election
of members to serve on the com-
mittee for the present year. The
meeting was held in private.

Sir Joseph Kemp, Chief Justice,
is returning to the Colony by the
P. & O. s.s. *Comorin* to-day.
Mr. J. R. Wood, who has been
acting Chief Justice during Sir
Joseph Kemp's absence, is sailing
for home on Saturday by the P. &
O. s.s. *Rajputana*. Mr. C. D. Mc-
bourne, Registrar of the Supreme
Court, who is retiring after over
30 years service, is also leaving by
the same steamer.

Looking Back 25 Years.

I felt somewhat aggrieved on
Saturday night when some Ameri-
cans jeered at our Fire Brigade.
They made fun of the engine tear-
ing along the principal thorough-
fare at the rate of three miles an
hour, and one of them became
so excited that he rushed into the
middle of the road and tried to
persecute a stolid Indian policeman
to remove himself from the danger
zone. Then they laughed when
they saw the helmeted men return-
ing in rickshaws. It seemed like a
parody to them that one was heard
to declare that they could not beat

Local.

S.P.C.A. meeting. Page 8.

Hong Kong Stock Market: Cron-
cher & Co.'s daily report. Page 6.

Further details of Monday's
train smash at Shatin. Page 6.

Hong Kong Construction and
Engineering Co., Ltd., meeting. Page 6.

Mr. C. McL. Messer, Colonial
Treasurer, is leaving this week on
retirement after 34 years' service. Page 10.

The annual general meeting of
the Hong Kong General Chamber
of Commerce was held yesterday. Page 7.

To-day's wireless programme. Page 3.

Home football results appear on
Page 10.

Yesterday's league football re-
sults. Page 10.

A slight earthquake shock visited
Bologna yesterday. Page 9.

A severe earthquake was felt at
Hawkes Bay, New Zealand yester-
day. Page 9.

The United States holds more
monetary gold at the present
moment than at any time in its
history, the total being 42 per cent.
of the world's supply. Page 9.

The "New Party," founded by
Sir Oswald Mosley, is running its
first candidate, Mr. Allan Young,
at the bye-election at Ashton-under-
Lyme. Page 9.

Saturday's match in the final tie
for the English Association Foot-
ball Cup between Birmingham and
West Bromwich is expected to be
the closest of recent years. Page 9.

At the Epsom Spring meeting,
Anthurium won the City and
Suburban Handicap, The Pen being
second, and Caballero third. Page 9.

It is announced that the New
South Wales Savings Bank, which
had been meeting a "run," is ex-
pected to be closed whilst the negotiations
for a merger are proceeding. Page 9.

Helium gas is being manufactur-
ed in large quantities for the
dirigible Akron, which is being
built at Akron, Ohio, and is ex-
pected to be floated in May or June. Page 9.

Mr. Scullin, Federal Premier, has
announced that the Chairman of
the Commonwealth Bank had ad-
vised Premier Lang that the Bank
would assist the New South Wales
Savings Bank through the Common-
wealth Savings Bank. Page 9.

To commemorate the anniversary
of the signing of the London Naval
Treaty, Baron Wakatsuki was host
at a dinner in Tokyo to the mem-
bers of the Japanese delegation and
those journalists who also attended
the Naval Conference, when it was
decided to form a permanent asso-
ciation to be known as the Gros-
venor Society. Page 9.

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E. C. Tregillus, E. P. White, M.
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Loseby, Mrs. Anderson and Mr. J.
D. A. Hutchison (Hon. Secretary).

Addressing the meeting, the
Chairman reviewed the Society's
work for the past year, mentioning
that the annual carnival had
proved a big success, the profit from
it topping the \$1,000 mark. The
financial drive, too, was very
successfully carried out and in this
connection the Society had to thank
Mrs. Loseby for the amount of work
and time she had put in.

Mr. Russell commented on the
way the bird shops were being run
and expressed the hope that in the
very near future the Society would
have sufficient funds to warrant
them starting a central store where
domestic pets would be kept and
sold under the proper conditions.

The Chairman also spoke of the
good work the Society's Inspector
was doing. He then thanked all
those who had given their support
so heartily to the Society's welfare
during the past year, mentioning in
particular Sir Robert Ho Tung, the
Hong Kong Jockey Club and the
local Press.

Officers Elected.

The election of officers for the
ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. J. Russell; Vice-
President: Mr. W. B. Finnigan;
Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. D. A. Hut-
chison; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. P.

White; Committee: Mrs. Ander-
son, Mrs. Baker, the Hon. Mr. J.
P. Braga, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Mrs.
Forrest, Miss Grace Ho Tung, Lady
Ho Tung, Mr. H. Owen Hughes,
Miss G. Heard, Mr. S. W. Ko, Mrs.
Loseby, Mrs. Dr. Martin, Mr. N. J.
Perrin, Mrs. M. H. Roffey, Mr. H.
S. Rouse, Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. E.
C. Tregillus, Mrs. P. P. J. Wode-
house and Dr. K. O. Yeo.

At the conclusion of the meeting
a hearty vote of thanks was pro-
posed to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Ltd., for kindly lending their
board-room for the Society's meet-
ings, and to the President, the Hon.
Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publica-
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not for publication, unless so de-
sired, but as evidence of good faith.
—Ed.]

THE CURRENCY PROBLEM.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—We, the undersigned, being
persuaded that a respectable
majority of the Mercantile and
Investing Community of this Colony
are in favour of a Stabilised Cur-
rency, but knowing also that in
this majority there are many who
may not, for personal reasons, feel
inclined to take advantage of the
offer of the Currency Commission
to consider their views in writing,
hereby inform any such persons
that a letter has been drafted set-
ting out the main arguments in
favour of stabilisation, and that
copies of the same are on view at
the premises of the undersigned,
awaiting their consideration and
signature.

It is our hope that in this, the
greatest financial crisis the Colony
has ever faced, no one who believes
in a Stabilised Currency, and has
not elsewhere placed his belief on
record, will evade this his very
obvious and simple duty to himself
and the Colony.—We are, Sir,
yours faithfully,

Blair & Co., Import & Ex-
port Merchants.

F. A. MacKintosh, MacKin-
tosh & Co., Ltd.

A. STEVENSON, The Dairy
Farm, Ice & Cold Storage
Co., Ltd.

E. W. BLACKMORE, President,
Institution of Engineers
& Shipbuilders.

D. CHEN SEE, The Sincere
Co., Ltd.

WM. ANDERSON, The Anderson
Music Co., Ltd.

J. DALZIEL, Resident-Investor.

The letter awaits consideration
and signature at the premises of
the following:

The Anderson Music Company.

Kelly & Walsh,
Institution of Engineers &
Shipbuilders.

Sincere Company.
Brewer's.

S.P.C.A. MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW OF
THE YEAR.

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GROSVENOR SOCIETY
OF JAPAN.LONDON NAVAL TREATY
ANNIVERSARY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 22.
In commemoration of the anniversary of the signing of the London Naval Treaty, Baron Wakatsuki was host at a dinner to the Japanese Delegation and also, those journalists who attended the Conference.

After speeches recalling the heavy labour mingled with the happy memories of the friendship and hospitality of the British during their stay in London, it was decided to form a permanent association named "The Grosvenor Society" in commemoration of the fact that the Japanese Delegation were housed in the Grosvenor Hotel.

PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

CHANG HSUEH LIANG TO
ATTEND.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

NANKING, April 22.
Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has received a message from General Chang Hsueh Liang stating that the latter will proceed to Nanking in time to attend the People's Convention.

Marshal Chiang has ordered a first-class state coach to be despatched to Peiping to convey General Chang Hsueh Liang to the capital.

Kuomintang Propaganda.

NANKING, April 22.
With a view to marking the inauguration of the People's Convention, which is to be held on May 5, with full pomp and ceremony, the Kuomintang General Headquarters at Nanking has instructed all Kuomintang branches throughout the country that the national flag is to fly over all Government buildings and public institutions, and that all newspapers be requested to devote a full page each of their May 5 issues to propaganda in support of the People's Convention.

The Kuomintang branches are also instructed to undertake extensive propaganda work during the session of the Convention.

According to an official communiqué, representatives from various provinces are expected to attend the inauguration ceremony of the Convention, except those from abroad and the Kwetchow province, due to difficulty of communication.

KWANGSI SITUATION.

WONG SHAO HUNG TO VISIT
NANKING.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

NANKING, April 22.
Anxiety is entertained by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek to settle the situation of Kwangsi, which still remains a *de facto* rebel province, although General Wong Shao Hung has long accepted Nanking's appointment as Rehabilitation Commissioner of the province.

Marshal Chiang intends to summon General Wong to Nanking in order to consult with him on the Kwangsi problem.

SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
TO BE ADDED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 22.
Sun Yat Sen University is planning to add a college of engineering and technology to give its students special training along this line.

A committee consisting of professors of the institution and outside experts has been formed to study the matter and draw up plans.

The authorities of the University have long felt the need for the establishment of such a college. At present a student in order to get a sound training in engineering or chemical technology is compelled to go abroad.

NEW SOUTH WALES
SAVINGS BANK.PREMIER SCULLIN'S
REASSURANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, April 21.
It is rumoured that the New South Wales Savings Bank, with deposits of \$35,000,000, has failed.

There was a heated debate in the House of Representatives today, members urging Mr. Scullin to declare that the stability of other State savings banks would be protected.

Mr. Scullin urged "cool heads," and said that the Bank Board was submitting a proposal to amalgamate the Commonwealth and New South Wales Savings Banks. The Commonwealth Bank might be compelled to aid other institutions, but he believed that all the banks were solvent.

Closed During Merger
Negotiations.

CANBERRA, April 22.
Mr. Scullin has announced that the Savings Bank of New South Wales will not open its doors tomorrow.

A message from Sydney shows that the Bank met all demands today and the rush considerably decreased before the usual closing hour.

The Chairman of the Bank informed Premier Lang that he proposed to keep the Bank closed whilst negotiations for a merger are proceeding.

Commonwealth Bank Offers
Assistance.

LATER.
Mr. Scullin announced that Sir Robert Gibson, Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank, had advised Premier Lang that the Bank would assist the New South Wales Savings Bank through the Commonwealth Savings Bank so as to relieve those depositors who might be seriously embarrassed by the closing of the State Savings Bank.

The offer is subject to the approval of the State Government and Parliament.

BRITISH PEOPLE MUST
STUDY INDIAN PROBLEM.ADVICE FROM SIR JOHN
SIMON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 21.
Sir John Simon, speaking at London University to-night, said that it was the paramount duty of the British people to make a close study of the Indian problem. Pledges had been given to the Indian people to which every party was committed, and from which one would dream of drawing back. But before anyone could usefully consider alterations to the present very complicated constitutional structure of India, they must study patiently what it was, because whatever the new constitutional plan—and he trusted it would be a more ample and more generous plan—it must inevitably be superimposed on the existing foundations.

SOVIET COUNTER-REVOLU-
TIONARY TRIAL.

SIX SENTENCED TO DEATH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, April 21.
One woman and five men have been sentenced to death by a Soviet Court at Yefremov, upon the conclusion of a spectacular five-days' trial in which 13 men and three women were charged with counter-revolutionary activities, by attempting to influence peasants against entering the collective farms.

In addition to the death sentences one woman and four men were sentenced to ten years' forced labour, and the remainder to periods of from three to five years' imprisonment.

MARTIAL-LAW AT
SHUUKWAN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 22.
A report from Shuikwan received here to-day states that the military authorities there have declared martial-law in view of a Communist uprising. A set of regulations aiming at the maintenance of peace and order has been drawn up and posted everywhere.

KING ALFONSO IN
BRITAIN.TREMENDOUS WELCOME
ON ARRIVAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 21.
King Alfonso received a tremendous welcome at Victoria Station from huge crowds.

In view of the recent threats on his life, hundreds of police joined hands to keep the crowd back. Fifty detectives were present with an intimate knowledge of anarchists.

There was no formality and the platform was not carpeted, King Alfonso being treated as a private citizen.

Greeted by Ex-King Manoel.

A welcome surprise awaited King Alfonso when he arrived at Claridge's Hotel, being greeted by ex-King Manoel of Portugal. King Alfonso, accompanied only by the Duke of Miranda, dined alone, and not even his closest friends were admitted to the Royal apartment.

Reuter was informed that King Alfonso's visit to England is "solely connected with the future of the Infante Juan, who is joining the British Navy."

British Empire Recognition.

It is officially announced that the British Empire as a whole recognises the new régime in Spain.

Public Excluded at Calais.

CALAIS, April 21.
King Alfonso, driving his own car, arrived in a little over four hours from Paris and departed at 3.15 p.m. for Dover.

The public were excluded from the quay at Dover, which was strictly guarded by police when King Alfonso entrained for London.

King Will Only Return if Recalled.

PARIS, April 21.
"I hope I shall not go back to Spain, because my not going back will mean that my country will be prosperous," was the significant statement made by King Alfonso through the Duke of Alba, one of the King's most trusted counsellors. The Duke of Alba, interviewed, said that the King would only return if he were recalled by his subjects. It would be highly repugnant to King Alfonso to go back to Madrid with the aid of an armed force which might lead to bloodshed.

He declared that if Spain became prosperous under the new régime it was thought that King Alfonso would definitely retire and remain in exile.

Monarchists to Work for Spain.

King Alfonso has ordered the monarchists to work for Spain. The King wished them in no circumstances to participate in conspiracies for his restoration.

On the contrary, he hoped that they would assist the Republicans in solving the country's problems. "Malicious Slander."

King Alfonso's intimate friends believed that he would remain out of Spain as an exile, but without abdicating until after the general elections, but nobody knew whether he would definitely renounce the throne in the event of the elections confirming the Republican victory.

The monarchists' principal task was to remain in Spain and try to save the Republic from extremists who might plunge the country into Communism.

The Duke denied as a "malicious slander" the rumours that King Alfonso had invested millions of dollars abroad, and said that he had invested the greater part of his private fortune in Spanish enterprises. While the King was not actually short of money, he would not be able to lead a life of luxury.

The Duke denied that a secret Italo-Spanish Treaty was concluded during Primo de Rivera's dictatorship.

The Duke later left for Madrid to convey the King's recommendations to all monarchists.

Affecting Scene.

There was an affecting scene when Queen Ena and her children left their hotel for Fontainebleau. Her Majesty and her daughters were tearful.

Hearty Welcome.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 21.
King Alfonso reached London to-night on a short visit said to be connected with his intention to arrange for his son, the Infante Don Juan, to continue his naval studies at Dartmouth Naval College.

He drove by car from Paris to Calais and at Dover he was met by the former Spanish Ambassador, Marquis Merry del Val.

On arrival in London he was greeted by friends and members of the Spanish Colony, who gave him a hearty welcome.

A large crowd watched his departure from the station by car for his hotel.

WORLD'S RECORD
GOLD STOCKS.AMERICA HOLDS FORTY-
TWO PER CENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 22.
There is more monetary gold in the United States to-day than at any time in its history.

The vaults of the Federal Reserve Banks hold about 42 per cent. of all the monetary gold in the world, which is more than twice the amount in France and seven times the amount in Great Britain.

RUBBER STOCKS IN
BRITAIN.NEW LOW RECORD IN
LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 21.
Rubber fell to-day to a new low record of 2 13/16d. per pound on the London exchange.

This is 1/16 lower than yesterday. A month ago the price was 3 1/2d. and a year ago 7 1/2d.

The cause of the latest fall is the further increase in excessive stocks in Great Britain.

U.S. GRAIN FOR SALE
IN EUROPE.DEALERS SAY LARGER SALES
WILL BE MADE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 21.
The Chairman of the Federal Farm Board denies the report that caused a sensation in the grain markets, namely, that the Board had decided to "dump in Europe 275,000,000 bushels of wheat which it had accumulated in order to maintain prices and benefit hard-pressed American farmers."

The Chairman admitted that an effort was being made to sell by July 1 nearly 30,000,000 bushels. In spite of the denial nearly all the grain dealers in Chicago and New York are convinced that larger sales will be made.

BANK OF ENGLAND
GOVERNOR.MR. M. NORMAN RE-ELECTED
FOR ELEVENTH TIME.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 21.
For the eleventh time Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, who arrived in London to-night from the United States, where he has been secretly conferring with American financiers, was re-elected to-day as Governor of the Bank.

World-Trade Credit Bank.

LATER.
World-wide financial repercussions are predicted from the visit of Mr. Montagu Norman to America. While Mr. Norman himself maintains the closest secrecy it is believed that while in America he discussed with the financial authorities plans for the formation of a world trade credit bank to finance countries whose purchasing power has fallen heavily through the slump in commodities.

If the plan is successful it will be of the greatest importance in speeding a return to world prosperity.

Possibly Mr. Norman will announce the details of the plan at the forthcoming meeting of the Bank of International Settlements at Basle.

It is understood that Russia would participate in credits granted by the bank.

HOME RACING.

CITY AND SUBURBAN
HANDICAP RESULT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 22.
The race for the City and Suburban Handicap, run at Epsom this afternoon, resulted as follows:

Anthurium	1
The Fen	2
Caballero	3

There were 17 starters. Won by three lengths, with a length separating second and third. The betting was—25 to 1 agst. Anthurium, 33 to 1 agst. The Fen, and 33 to 1 agst. Caballero.

SEVERE QUAKE AT
HAWKES BAY.NAPIER'S BUILDING RUINS
DOWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WELLINGTON, April 22.
A severe earthquake was felt at Hawkes Bay this morning. The inhabitants became panic-stricken and rushed into the open air.

The walls of many of the partly demolished buildings at Napier were shaken down.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK AT
BOLOGNA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOLOGNA, April 22.
A slight earthquake was felt here yesterday, but no damage was reported.

BRITONS KILLED IN
NICARAGUA.SITUATION SAID TO BE
IMPROVING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 21.
In addition to Messrs. Roper and Manning, two British West Indian subjects, who lost their lives in the Nicaraguan disturbances, two more Jamaicans, Lucian May and Erod-dey, are now reported to have been killed.

American official information states that the situation in Eastern Nicaragua is tending to become normal, but the American warship is still remaining.

H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO LISBON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 21.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is travelling homeward from South America, in the s.s. Arlanza, will reach Lisbon on Saturday.

He will go ashore at Lisbon and pay an official visit, later attending a banquet in his honour to be given by the Portuguese President.

The same night he will join H.M. cruiser Kent, which is proceeding to Lisbon to meet him.

LAND SPEED RECORD.

SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL TO
MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 21.
Sir Malcolm Campbell, who created the world's land speed record of 215.7 miles per hour at Daytona in February, has decided to attempt to drive his "Blue Bird" car even faster.

Before then, however, the car, including its Napier-Lion engine, will undergo alterations suggested by experience and new research.

The "Blue Bird" will be shipped to Australia and New Zealand in the autumn, to be exhibited in the principal cities.

Sir Malcolm Campbell's attempt may be made in New Zealand next year, but he has no definite plans yet.

Sir Malcolm created a small car record with a baby Austin at 34 miles an hour after capturing the world's land speed record in his Napier engine Bluebird car at Daytona.

This record was subsequently beaten in England at Brooklands and Sir Malcolm seeks to recapture the record for the Baby Austin.

MANILA AEROPLANE
CRASH.PILOT KILLED PERFORMING
FAREWELL GESTURE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANILA, April 21.
Lieutenant Marvin Burnside, of the U.S. Army, was killed during a freak crash at Fort Stotsenburg yesterday.

In a farewell gesture Burnside, in a small pursuit plane, followed a big bomber taking off for Manila. The backwash from the bomber's propellers sent him crashing to earth at a low altitude.

The plane was piloted by Lieut. Huggins, a close friend of Burnside, who was unaware of the tragedy until reaching Manila.

U.S. DIRIGIBLE
AKRON.FIRST AIRSHIP TO CARRY
AEROPLANE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 22.
Helium non-inflammable gas is being manufactured in large quantities for the huge dirigible Akron, which is being built at Akron, Ohio, to be floated in May or June.

It will require 6,500,000 cubic feet of helium, which is nearly twice the capacity of the Graf Zeppelin and 36 per cent. larger than the R-101.

The Akron, which is destined for service with the United States Navy, will be the first airship able to carry an aeroplane.

SUEZ CANAL DUES.

BRITISH COMPLAINT CON-
SIDERED BY GOVERNMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 21.
In reply to a question in the House of Commons, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, said that the complaint of British shipowners against the scale of the Suez Canal dues was being carefully considered and he hoped soon to be able to make a statement.

GANGSTER TORTURES
LORRY DRIVER.JACK DIAMOND PLEADS
NOT GUILTY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CATSKILLS (New York), April 21.
The notorious gangster, Jack Diamond, has been arrested and it is believed, will be charged with torturing a lorry driver who was transporting liquor belonging to a rival.

The arrest followed the appearance before a Grand Jury of a middle-aged lorry driver, named Parks, his face covered with bruises and scratches, who alleged that Diamond and two confederates held him up near Acra on Thursday, beat and tied him to a tree, with his feet over a fire, because he refused to answer questions about a load of cider he was delivering.

Charged with Assault, Diamond was charged with assault in the second degree on Parks. He pleaded not guilty.

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Sports News

U.S. BASEBALL.

YANKEES DRAW CLEAR.

THE INDIANS' BATTING ORGY.

New York, April 16.—Following are the results of the games in the major baseball leagues to-day:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	4	5	0
Boston	7	7	0
St. Louis	6	12	2
Cincinnati	3	10	0
New York	14	21	0
Philadelphia	4	9	4
Pittsburg	4	6	0
Chicago	3	9	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	8	1
New York	2	7	1
Philadelphia	4	11	2
Washington	3	10	1
Chicago	0	6	1
Cleveland	7	14	0
Detroit	6	12	3
St. Louis	3	12	1

Following are the standings after the third day of competition in the season:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	3	0	1.000
St. Louis	3	0	1.000
Chicago	2	1	.666
New York	2	1	.666
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333
Philadelphia	1	2	.333
Brooklyn	0	3	.000
Cincinnati	0	3	.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	3	0	1.000
St. Louis	2	1	.666
Washington	2	1	.666
Cleveland	2	1	.666
Philadelphia	1	2	.333
Chicago	1	2	.333
Detroit	1	2	.333
Boston	0	3	.000

The Conquering Yankees.

Winning their third straight victory over the Boston Red Sox, at the Yankee Stadium here to-day, Joe McCarthy's New York Yankees retained their American League leadership. They won by 2 to 1, while at Griffith Stadium, Washington, the Senators again noosed out Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, 5 to 4. The Boston Braves continue to divide the senior league leadership with the St. Louis Cardinals. In Boston, they trounced the Brooklyn Dodgers by 7 to 4, while in Cincinnati the Redbirds humbled the Redlegs by 6 to 3. In Cleveland the Indians went on a hit-spree to blank the Chicago White Sox by 7 to 0, and in Philadelphia the New York Giants laid down such a barrage of hits that swamped the Phillies by 14 to 4. Playing in Chicago, the Cubs lost again to the Pittsburgh Pirates, this time by 4 to 3.

The Fatal Error.

Horace Lisenbee pitched perfect ball for the Red Sox against the Yankees, but it was the former Washington twirler's error which gave the Yankees their win. With the score tied at one all, Lisenbee, after having fanned seven of the New Yorkers, made the error which accounted for the winning run by Joe McCarthy's crew. Babe Ruth failed to connect for so much as a hit to-day, but Lisenbee walked him regularly and as a result the Bambino scored a tally.

Although Al Simmons made a home run for the Athletics, his team went down to defeat before the Senators. The Mackman outthrew the Senators, but they played loose baseball. Two errors added to the downfall of the Washington Club. Babe Herman drove out a home run for the Dodgers to-day, but Uncle Robbie's boys are still in the doldrums. They were easy picking for the hard-hitting and tight-playing Braves.

Cub's First Failure.

George Grantham swung his bat into action for the Pirates. His home run held the buccaners to overcome the Cubs, who lost their first game of the season.

The new and less lively ball has most of the big stickmen baffled. Instead of long drives over the outfield fence, they are popping hits into the waiting gloves of the vigilants in the cabbage-patches.

Splendid pitching won the game for the Indians in Cleveland. They held the White Sox to six scattered bingles and no runs. The Indians, on the other hand, pounded out 14 hits, to score seven tallies.

A Long Game.

It took the Detroit Tigers, 12 innings to whip the St. Louis Browns by 3 to 5 in St. Louis. Thus the Tigers won their first game of the season and toppled the Browns from their tie with the Yankees for first place in the American League. The game at St. Louis was a free hitting affair, and the Tigers won, despite the fact that they had three errors chalked up against them.

In Quaker Town, the Cincinnati Giants had matters all their own way. They roughed over the Philadelphia Phillies, smacking 21 hits for 14 runs. Four errors marred the play.

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H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

UNTIMELY RAIN.

An untimely and regrettable rain-fall, from the point of view of lawn tennis, coming down yesterday just as everything had been set ready for the long awaited Open Singles semi-final between M. W. Lo and E. F. Fischer to be decided, forced another postponement, much to the disappointment of the semi-finalists and those who turned up at the ground.

No play takes place to-day, but to-morrow the Runjahn brothers will feature in the other semi-final—weather permitting, needless to say.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

WIN FOR R.A.

The Royal Artillery beat the Police in a League Division I match yesterday, played at the K.F.C. ground, by two goals to one.

There had been a heavy down-pour of rain prior to the match, with the result that the ground was slippery, and the ball sodden.

Play was distinctly scrappy in the first half; nevertheless the Police, after a good forward rush, were able to score. R.A. replied shortly afterwards and at half-time the two teams had scored a goal each.

At the commencement the Police took play into their opponent's half, and the R.A. goal was threatened on several occasions. In spite of this strong attack the Police could not press home their advantage, shooting wide of the mark.

Eventually the Gunners centred forward, broke away by themselves, and seemed certain to score, but came into collision with the Police goal-keeper, who rushed out to save. The centre-forward was injured and had to retire.

In spite of this loss R.A. attacked strongly, and as the result of a splendid corner kick, one of their inside forwards headed into goal. Towards the end of play the Police were attacking.

Result:—
R.A. 2
Police 1.

CHARITY FOOTBALL AT CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 22.

A charity football match to raise funds for the Fati Orphanage between Chung Wa and Shamenee will be played to-morrow afternoon on the Tai Fung Chi football ground.

The Chung Wa team is composed of the best Chinese players of both Canton and Hong Kong, while the Shamenee aggregation consists of veteran American, British and German players.

Admiral Chen Chak has kindly consented to present a silver cup to the winners. The presentation of the trophy will be made by Madame Chen Chak.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, April 21.

In the Third Division (Northern Section) of the English League, Darlington visited Rochdale and won by two goals to one. Southampton, on home ground, beat Wigan by three goals to one.

Queen's Park had a victory by two clear goals over Kilmarock in the Scottish League.

of the Quakers. The nine hits which the Giants yielded to the Phillies were kept well scattered.

The Home Run Race.

New York, April 16.—With two home runs to his credit Chuck Klein of the Philadelphia Phillies continues to lead the big league players in the 1931 race for swat honours.

George Grantham of the Pirates, Al Simmons of the Athletics and Babe Herman of the Dodgers are other big stick artists whose names have been added to the list of players seeking to take the home run crown won last year by Hank Williams of the Cubs. Wilson has yet to connect for a circuit flout this season while in three games Babe Ruth has socked one four sacker. Lou Gehrig, the Bambino's team mate of the New York Yankees, also has hit for a non-stop journey about the bases.

Other players who have one home run to their credit this year are Rogers "Rajah" Hornsby, player-manager of the Cubs; Berry of the Red Sox; Arlett and Hunt of the Phillies; Critz and Ott of the Giants; Johnson of the Tigers; Lench of the Giants; Stripp of the Reds; Gabby Hartnett of the Cubs and Averill of the Indians.

FUTURE OF EXCHANGE.

(Continued from Page 7.)

British Government will ensure full protection of British subjects residing in China.

The accounts, I think, must be considered satisfactory, for despite the increased secretarial expenditure due to the fall in exchange, a surplus is available, which has been added to the general reserve. There has been a slight falling off in subscriptions, and in this connection I am sorry to note that with-drawals from the Chamber are in excess of new applications for membership. The income of the Chamber is naturally more or less fixed, and in view of the possibility of expenditure increasing in the future, I hope some means will be found for increasing the membership.

I should like to mention that the activities of the Chamber are far more varied than the Chairman's speech, or the report, give us to understand. It is interesting to learn that nearly 400 trade enquiries have been attended to during the past year, and doubtless such work is of the greatest value to the trade of the Colony as a whole. Work connected with arbitrations, rice surveys and the issue of certificates also occupies a considerable amount of the Chamber's time.

With these few remarks, gentlemen, I have much pleasure in formally seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

Accounts Passed.

The report and accounts were unanimously passed by the meeting. Mr. W. Mackenzie proposed, seconded by Mr. Wong Tak Kwong, the re-election of the retiring members of the Committee, which was carried.

The Chairman, proposed the election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming as auditors. Mr. A. H. White seconded, and the proposal was carried.

The meeting confirmed the election by the Committee since the last annual meeting of the following members: Messrs. Griffith & Co., The Pure Cane Molasses Co. (Hong Kong), Ltd., The Vulcan International Commercial Bureau, Mr. S. M. Churn moved a proposal in this connection, seconded by Mr. Wong Oi Kut.

The Attendance.

The following individual members and firms were present:—Mr. F. Austin, Mr. C. Champkin, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. M. P. Talati, The Advertising and Publicity Bureau (Major Cragh), Messrs. Arculli Bros. (Mr. Omar el Arculli), The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.C.), Ltd. (Mr. W. H. Bell), The Bank of East Asia, Ltd. (Mr. Li Tse Fong), Messrs. Botelho Bros. (Mr. A. A. Botelho), Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. A. Macgovern), The British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd. (Mr. M. St. J. Walsh), Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (Mr. T. H. R. Shaw), The Central Agency, Ltd. (Mr. J. Rodger), The Dairy Farm, (Mr. A. Stevenson), Messrs. Denoon (the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton), Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. P. Warren), The Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. H. White), Messrs. Fung Tang (Mr. Wong Tak Kwong), Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. S. A. Arthur), Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. B. Sheepshanks), Messrs. A. Goeke & Co. (Mr. W. Foraita and Mr. H. Ammann), The Great Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. C. T. Beck), Messrs. W. A. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. H. T. Buxton), The Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd. (Mr. J. Douglas Blaxter), The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Mr. V. M. Grayburn), Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. P. S. Cassidy), The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. F. Aucott), Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson), The Java-China-Japan Lijn (Mr. A. van Gelder), The Kianin Mining Administration (Mr. A. C. L. Bowker), Messrs. Keller, Kern & Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. Kern), Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co. (Mr. T. A. Mitchell), Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. M. T. Johnson), Messrs. John Mannera & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. C. Johnston), The Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. E. Auvache), Messrs. Maxim & Co. (Mr. J. Ribeiro), The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. (Mr. L. Sandes), The Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha (Mr. K. Nakayama), Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha (Mr. M. Kawazu), Messrs. N. S. Moses & Co. (Mr. W. Goldenberg), Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Wong Oi Kut and Mr. M. A. Williams), The Netherlands Trading Society (Mr. A. Stokkink), Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Lander Lewis and Mr. J. Ormiston), Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. (China), Ltd. (Mr. W. W. Mackenzie), The Royal Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. A. Mitchell), The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. P. Lawler), The Union Trading Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. M. Churn), Messrs. Harry-Wickings & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes), Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist (Mr. C. E. L. Grist).

CHINESE WANTED IN PENANG.

QUESTION OF BAIL RAISED IN COURT.

ESCORT ARRIVES IN HONG KONG.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at Central Magistracy, an interesting legal discussion in connection with the position of a Chinese, who is wanted in Penang on a charge of larceny of Rupees 75,000, occurred yesterday.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, for the fugitive, informed the Court that he had been instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist and asked for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case. He wished to be informed whether the accused was detained by the police on a provisional warrant or by an endorsed warrant sent over from Rangoon. There were small details which nevertheless were of importance to the defence.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, representing the "private prosecutor" in connection with the criminal charge against the fugitive, said a Sub-Inspector from Rangoon, who was to be the escort, had arrived here. He (Mr. Macnamara) thought the best thing was to remand the case until this morning for the attendance of this police escort from Rangoon.

Changed His Mind.

"Apparently the accused has changed his mind about going back to Rangoon," commented Mr. Macnamara.

Mr. Lo said he must disagree. The accused had not changed his mind; what he did not wish to do was to be compelled to go back with an escort. In point of fact, he did at one time ask his Worship to be permitted to go on a visit to Amoy first without an escort.

His Worship, granting Mr. Lo's application, fixed the hearing for the afternoon of the 28th instant.

The question of bail was then brought up by Counsel.

Mr. Lo said that bail was a privilege which might not be denied the accused.

Mr. Macnamara opposed bail. He asked his Worship to hear the case for the police first, as there were other factors which had not, hitherto, been brought to the notice of the Court.

Objections by Police.

Sub-Inspector Elston said he was instructed to say that in this case, the man was charged with felony so that although the Magistrate had power to order that bail be granted, the Public Prosecutor (Mr. Fitzroy) said that the accused had no right to demand bail in a case of felony. "I ask for a remand until to-morrow morning, for the production of the Sub-Inspector from Rangoon and his warrant. I am told that if the man produced a warrant and if your Worship is satisfied that the warrant is correct, your Worship has that right to order the return of the accused. It is not a question of extradition—it is not a question where a man cannot be sent back provided the warrant is in order, whatever the charge may be."

His Worship said he would adjourn the case until this morning and with it the question of bail raised by Mr. Lo.

GERMAN AEROPLANES FOR MUKDEN.

CHANG REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN BIG ORDER.

Mukden, April 17.—According to entirely unconfirmed reports current here to-day Chang Hsueh-liang, the Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Navy and Air Forces of the National Government of China has placed an order for 22 aeroplanes with German aviation firms. The planes, it is said, will cost Tls. 3,000,000.

Marshal Chang, an aviation enthusiast, is reported as anxious to encourage the development of commercial and military aviation in the northeastern provinces. British, American, German, French and Czechoslovakian manufacturers are said to be engaging in stiff competition for orders from General Chang. Two Chinese engineers are declared to be negotiating for many to arrange for delivery of planes to the Manchurian Government. The most favourable terms are said to have been offered by the German.

FILM BEAUTY DEMAND.

FULL-FEATURED STARS ONLY.

All film stars of the future will have to have wide faces. They will be not only "featured," but full-featured.

The demand for wide-faced girls has come gradually into effect owing to a general change in cinema theatre construction, which has destroyed the old tunnel shape for the balcony formation.

This grows wider with each new theatre, in order that "more and more spectators may be accommodated."

The balcony shape, though not always the best for sound, tends to preserve the realism of the drama, because the average spectator is nearer to the screen than in the tunnel formation, and is not disconnected, as in the latter case, by listening to huge voices from small figures.

Elongated Figures.

It tends, however, to distortion of view for people sitting at the side, a problem which cinema engineers of architects have not yet succeeded in overcoming. The figures on the screen become elongated, and thin players, in many cases, look positively emaciated.

That would not be noticeable in studio tests taken of an actress nor in the film as projected, but when it reaches the hall with the wide balcony the thin or even the moderately thin girl becomes a tall skeleton with knife-shaped features.

The future film star, in order to allow for a certain latitude of distortion, will have to have a markedly round face, wide between the cheeks and eyes, with a fairly broad nose.

It is interesting to note that most of the screen favourites created by the talkies, such as Constance Bennett, Nancy Carroll, Madeleine Carroll and Margaret Grahame, are noticeably wide-featured, and it is also worth noting that many of the longer-established favourites, particularly Mary Pickford, Pola Negri, Greta Garbo, and Betty Balfour, conform to the same specification.

Thin-featured girls may return with the coming of wide film, for which absence of distortion is claimed.

SURVEY OF CANADIAN PORTS.

SIR ALEXANDER GIBB TO STUDY PROBLEMS.

Halifax, Canada.—A general survey of the principal Canadian ocean ports—Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal and Vancouver—is to be undertaken by an expert on the subject. The Dominion Government has invited Sir Alexander Gibb, world-famous British port authority and former director-general of civil engineering to the British Ministry of Transport, to study on the ground the technical and business features of these ports with a view to developing a general plan of operation which will increase their efficiency and further their progress. Sir Alexander will come to Canada shortly on this important mission.

Explaining the object of the Government, Hon. Alfred Durand, Dominion Minister of Marine, said that primarily economy was at the back of the scheme. Her ocean ports were vital links in Canadian development and it was essential that they be administered with the greatest possible degree of efficiency and on sound business principles. Sir Alexander Gibb, he explained, would survey the whole situation and was expected to produce a general plan for Canadian ports calculated to improve the service they are intended to render the Canadian people. At the same time each port would be given individual advice on measures which should be taken to improve administrative conditions and to strengthen its strategic position in the world of trade and commerce.

WARNING TO STAMP COLLECTORS.

SPANISH ROYAL ISSUES DECLARED NO INVESTMENT.

London, April 16.—A warning to stamp-collectors not to rush to buy modern Spanish stamps has been issued by a well-known London philatelist, Mr. Frank Godden, who, since the Republic was established, has been inundated with enquiries for stamps bearing the heads of the Royal family, especially the 1928 stamp bearing the heads of Alfonso and the Pope.

Mr. Godden says it is a mistake to think these stamps will become rare and increase in value, pointing out that Spain, since 1900, has issued 24 sets of stamps, mostly purely commemorative issues with the sole object of raising revenue from collectors.

COLONIAL TREASURER'S RETIREMENT.

MR. MESSER LEAVING AFTER 34 YEARS.

Among the Government officials leaving for home by the P. & O. s.s. Rajputana on Saturday is Mr. C. McL. Messer, Colonial Treasurer, who is retiring after nearly 34 years' service.

Mr. Messer was appointed a Cadet on November 19, 1897, and arrived in the Colony the following month. In October, 1908, he was Acting Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, and the following year he was employed on land registration in the New Territories, also as Police Magistrate for the New Territories—a position which he filled a few years later in addition to being an Assistant Land Officer and member of the Land Court.

In 1907 and subsequent years he was Acting Postmaster General, Head of the Sanitary Department, and Postmaster General, in addition to acting as Colonial Treasurer. In 1913 he became Captain Superintendent of Police, and in December, 1918, he was appointed as Colonial Treasurer, a position which he has held since, together with that of Assessor of Rates, Collector of Stamp Revenue and Estate Duty Commissioner.

ROYAL VISITORS IN WASHINGTON.

POSE FOR PICTURES UNDER CHERRY BLOSSOMS.

Washington, April 16.—Prince and Princess Takamatsu of Japan to-day solemnly placed wreaths on the Tomb of America's Unknown Soldier before the Japanese Imperial visitors proceeded to visit interesting points in and about Washington.

Prince and Princess Takamatsu were especially interested in the home of George Washington at Mount Vernon, Virginia. They strolled through the grounds at Mount Vernon and then visited the home of General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Armies of the Confederacy during the Civil War. For photographers Prince and Princess Takamatsu posed under the cherry blossoms along the banks of the Potomac. The cherry trees which are now in bloom here are symbols of friendship between the United States and Japan.

Their Imperial Highnesses ascended to the top of the Washington Monument. The Prince walked down all 558 steps while Princess Takamatsu used the elevator.

Following their visit to the National Monument, Prince and Princess Takamatsu visited the Lincoln Memorial. To-night the Imperial visitors were the guests of Mr. K. Dobuchi, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, at the fashionable Mayflower Hotel. Many persons prominent in social and official life in Washington attended Ambassador Dobuchi's banquet.

Prince and Princess Takamatsu will soon begin their tour of the United States and Canada. They will travel 6000 miles before they sail for San Francisco from Japan on May 23.



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SOME SOUTH-COAST STUDIES.

(BY SIR JOHN FORSTER FRASER IN THE "SUNDAY TIMES".)

You find them in the more comfortable hotels on the South Coast. I think they have contempt for the big and swaggy new-fangled places where there is dancing with afternoon tea and a band plays in the gaudy lounge after dinner and there are other confounded noisy modern contraptions. They like the old-fashioned smoking-room with old easy chairs and no women about. They continue to wear gaiters, though "spats" have rather gone out of fashion. Their first interest in the morning paper is to read the "deaths column" and then turn to the "wills and bequests."

You know the old boy with his table near a window and his back to the fire. Imagining him humming: "So Serenely gone; thought he was dead long ago; remember him well in the future; bit of a duffer. Ah, I fancy Gubbins would have cut up for more than that. That fool of a son, however, will soon get through it. Waiter!" this aloud, "take away this white stuff; I want brown bread and—here, let that cook wash the proper way to boil eggs is three minutes, not half an hour. Where's that draught coming from? Of course, there is a draught; I think I'd say there was a draught if there wasn't one. Anyway, shut that door over there!"

Straight, Steady Eyes.

Now and then there is a ruddy-faced portly old boy; but most have parchment tint on the cheeks, and they all have straight, steady eyes, like those of district magistrates, and for newcomers, week-enders, and especially those of the motorizing gang who comes bustling in for lunch, there is a "Why the devil are you, sir?" sort of glance. I've run across them in earlier days, as a collector out in Bengal; a consul in the Persian Gulf; a man who had been building railways half his life in South Africa; ex-officials from Crown Colonies; a soldier or two, one with a limp, maybe an old bullet or gout; a man who had been in the tea business in China; others, not described, but they've drifted home, retired after a generation of work in distant parts. Married, possibly.

Out in Africa, India, elsewhere, they have had stretches of loneliness. So they sit alone, each with his "separate table" against the wall. Nobody has ever suggested the pleasure of a round-table and that they should dine together; and, of course, they've never thought of it themselves. Besides, there might be difficulties. The half-pay general, with a gallant career in India, does not mind an occasional patch of chess with that tea-bag from China, especially as he usually defeats him, but, hang it all, one can't be expected to eat with the fellow.

Out of Touch.

They've all been so long from England they are rather out of touch with things. They had been burra sahibs in the East, commanded regiments, in the King's name, ruled patches of Africa bigger than Yorkshire, directed the construction of bridges over broad rivers, kept the old flag flying over the British consulate in god-forsaken lands, written voluminous despatches to Whitehall; one, at any rate, over that Shikharice affair, was the centre of a debate in the House of Commons fifteen years ago—but those are old stories; and now they are home for good.

Lord, how in those sweltering years, expatriated, doing their whack for old England's fair name, and old England not caring an anna what they were doing, they had stilingly visioned when they would have earned their pensions and settled down comfortably at home for good!

The general has more than once in the smoking-room told the consul what he would do if the Government only gave him a chance. The name of Mussolini is mentioned.

Bengal and Kenya.

However, it is a pleasant morning, and the collector from Bengal is going to play golf with some London lawyer chap with a weak chest he's run across in the Tarbert Club, which makes a point of inviting gentlemen of position visiting the South Coast town to be temporary members. The collector from Bengal is a decent fellow, a bit too talkative, especially about his game, and gets on the nerves of the man from Kenya. There he was one of the pioneers in Kenya who reads a novel a day and has to visit the chemist's to

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The following is a list of American firms or individuals who desire to establish connections with merchants in Hong Kong and who invite correspondence. No responsibility is assumed as to the standing of the persons or firms named. Further information may be obtained at the American Consulate General.

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change his book. They've all got their little morning job—hair to be cut, socks to be bought, a complaint to the telephonist about those cheroots—ah, and some of those remedial medicines which middle-aged gentlemen are prone to taking—digestive biscuits and the like—a saunter past the shops, a dander on the promenade, and, if there is not that wretched wind from the east, a stroll through the gardens is agreeable.

Past Glories.

Now and then the old dictatorial Adam will out. A taximan with Bohemian attitude toward customers receives sharp reprimand. The taximan grins; he has had quite a lot of experience with funny old gentlemen. That particular funny old gentleman a dozen years ago was Acting-Resident in one of the British Dependencies; generals called him "sir," and the guard stood at the salute when he passed. Now he potters along the esplanade, tells the head waiter about the pictures—he is very fond of the movies—he saw yesterday afternoon, and a young taxi-driver is cruelly sarcastic towards him. Dear, dear!

"Dull Old Buffers."

When ordinary holiday-makers, the jolly men with plump wives, and who don't see the good of going to the seaside unless you're prepared to enjoy yourself, cast a glance toward those lonely occupants at the separate tables, they think they are just dull old buffers toddling through their final years. Ah! They would do better if they doffed their hats to them, especially those who have served their country in far climes. Stay-at-homes do not realise how those old buffers have kept clean the prestige of Britain. Their names are not flouted in the newspapers like those of cheap politicians. Officialism has stiffened their manner, but in a chatty atmosphere they can unbend, with little reminiscences dancing into the conversation. They have done their jobs and now they draw their limited pensions.

Being home for good is not all they pictured. They do feel a little lonely. But they do not complain of that; they would deny they are lonely. They are ignored by the moderns who owe them much. Their day is over, and there is no hand playing. They are nice old boys, notwithstanding their quietness, their usual aloofness, and their touches of crotchiness, and you will find lots of them in the more comfortable hotels on the South Coast.

BRITAIN'S IMPORTS OF APPLES.

19,000,000 BUSHELS FROM AMERICA.

Is it realised what a valuable asset the apple is apart from its benefit to health? It might be asserted to be one of the largest employers of labour in the world, from the preparation of the land to the delivery of the finished article to the consumer.

This applies to commercial crops of course. Preparation sometimes entails forest clearance and irrigation. Then there is planting, grafting, pruning, chemical spraying, grading and packing.

These operations are the work of the producer, and behind those actually employed on the spot are the implement and machinery makers, in metal and wood; the chemists and chemical works, oster growers and basket makers; foresters, sawyers, and box and barrel makers, and large quantities of paper, etc., are used for packing purposes.

Road, rail and ocean transport form another stage, in each section of which labour is first of all employed in the way of special construction. To trace a box of apples from the growing area in New Zealand would reveal an enormous boon to employment.

Then there are the cider and preserve industries, with all they require in labour, machinery, glass, tin, earthenware, labelling, etc.

Enormous Output.

A few figures will indicate what the apple industry means. During the present Canadian and United States season over 19,000,000 bushels have been shipped to the Continent and the United Kingdom, the Canadian contribution, although only a little under a fourth of the total, being a record.

Arrangements have been made to ship over 2,000,000 bushels from Tasmania. Allotments of shipping space have been made for about 500,000 bushels from Western Australia. Space has also been reserved for other parts of Australia and New Zealand.

Imports of apples in the first week of last month, from various sources, mainly North America, amounted to 4,400 tons.

General supplies include South African grapes, plums, pears, pineapples, melons, mangoes, quinces, pomegranates, nectarines, and guavas; Australian pears, grapes, and plums; Jamaica and other bananas; Argentine grapes, pines, peaches, and pears; home-grown grapes and forced rhubarb; Tunis dates and oranges, grape fruit, lemons, custard apples, cranberries, pineapples, pears, and grapes from various sources.

FLOOD'S HAVOC.

WATER TOUCHES RECORD HIGH LEVEL.

BRIDGE WASHED AWAY IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

The Taiipo motor road which suffered heavy damage as a result of heavy rains on Sunday and Monday will probably be open for traffic today or tomorrow as rapid progress has been made in the work of repairing it. The biggest obstacle at the moment appears to be the gaping hole in Shatin where Dr. Farr's motor-car met with an accident on Monday.

The car was retrieved on Tuesday and found to have suffered very little damage. A start was immediately made to fill in the road. The Castle Peak Road, it is feared, will be closed for a much longer period, as there has been quite a number of small washouts. A bridge has been wrecked at So Kom Wah on the other side of Tai Lam Cheung and until easy access can be had to the bridge it is difficult to estimate the time that will be required before the road will be fit for traffic again.

The heavy floods as a result of the cloudburst can be visualised from the water marks left. In many places the water rose above the railings of the road bridges. In addition many old Chinese bridges have been swept completely away. As reported previously much damage has been done at the Shing Mun valley but it is gratifying to note that the water supply will not be affected.

LORD IRWIN'S SERVICES TO INDIA.

INDIAN PRINCES TRIBUTE.

New Delhi.—A warm tribute to Lord Irwin was paid at a meeting of the Chamber of Princes, at which resolutions expressing loyalty to the Throne and appreciation of the attitude of the British Government were also adopted, as well as a motion authorising representatives to carry on the negotiations begun at the Round-table Conference.

The Maharajah of Sirmur moved that the Chamber record with appreciation the devotion and ability of the rulers and Ministers who represented the Indian States at the Round-table Conference, supporting in principle the scheme outlined which secured for all parties their legitimate and cherished rights.

This resolution gave rise to further more discussion, one speaker urging that the rights of small States should be adequately safeguarded, while the Maharajah of Rewa described the scheme as a huge experiment necessitating rigorous examination. The motion was then unanimously adopted.

In connection with this resolution the Maharaj Rana of Dholpur moved and the Maharajah of Kapurthala, the Maharajah of Alwar, and the Rajah of Simur supported a motion providing that the Chamber should authorise representatives to carry on the discussions and negotiations subject to final confirmation and ratification by the Chamber of Princes and by each individual State.

Lord Irwin's Services.

Finally, the Maharajah of Patiala rose to record the deep sense of obligation which India owed to Lord Irwin for his vivid sympathy and his espousal of the country's cause in face of the gravest difficulties. Lord Irwin, he said, had won the heart of every chief, and in the future history would record his great services. The Nawab of Cambay, the Rajah of Kotla, and the Maharajah of Bikanir all seconded the motion, which was carried amidst acclamation.

The Viceroy, replying, said that he was deeply touched by the Maharajah of Patiala's remarks. Five years, he declared, moved very quickly, and everyone was open to criticism, but he felt that he had made fewer mistakes than some of his critics would have made. He had never lost faith in winning through, although the immediate past had been an anxious period. He was happy, he said, that he was to be succeeded by Lord Willingdon, who would prove a wise counsellor and a good friend. Lord Irwin assured the princes that the Government of India would always assist them to the utmost. He concluded by bidding all the assembled princes an affectionate fare-well.

CHINESE MARKET DIFFICULTIES.

JAPAN FACING HARD COMPETITION.

Tokyo, April 17.—Commenting on recent statements made in London by Sir Ernest Thompson, the Chairman of the British Economic Mission to the Far East, spokesmen for the Japan Cotton Dealers' and Manufacturers' Association to-day expressed doubt that the Lancashire textile industrialists can regain their market in China.

The Japanese manufacturers of cotton goods contended that even Japanese, with low production costs, are finding it difficult to compete in the Chinese market. They insisted that not only is China demanding a large part of her own market but she is exporting cotton goods.

It was predicted here that as the textile industry in China continues to expand the Chinese Government will increase its import tariff schedules on cotton goods, thus closing the market entirely to the Japanese as well as to the British manufacturers.

Declaring that "there is little hope for the Lancashire manufacturers to expand their market in China" the Japanese suggested that instead of shipping piece goods to China the Lancashire industrialists might find a market for ready-made clothing or other finished cotton products.

In statements to the Press this week Sir Ernest Thompson said that while Japan is virtually a closed market to the Lancashire cotton industry China may still be regarded as a profitable field if the British manufacturers adopt modern methods of trade, reduce production costs and create better sales organizations.

NEW HOPE FOR FARMERS.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ADVANTAGES.

The word "electricity" has become one to conjure with throughout a large area of the English countryside lying north-east and south-west of Bedford, where its rapidly increasing use is bringing prosperity to agriculture and industry, and increased comfort to the cottagers' homes writes a London *Morning Post* correspondent.

This is the result of the rural supply scheme initiated by the Electricity Commission last year. I have to-day made a tour of the area, which comprises more than 100 square miles, visiting farms in which power has only been available for farm use, such as milking, meal grinding, manure gold pulping, and incubation of eggs, during the past few weeks.

Economies Pay for Current.

One large scale poultry farmer, who had not long installed the electrically heated foster-mother coops for his newly hatched chickens, informed me that he was amazed at the results. "I would never go back," he declared, "to the old system when coops had to be heated by paraffin lamps. It was no uncommon thing to find a large proportion of the chickens dead in the morning, perhaps owing to temperature variations. With this apparatus I can keep the coops at an even temperature, and since it was put in, I have scarcely lost a single chicken out of many hundreds. Not only has the mortality rate been wiped out, but there is no doubt whatever that the electric heating makes the chickens grow faster, stronger, and bigger."

This farmer has already more than saved the cost of the current through economies he has been able to effect. Whereas, previously, he ground all his meal for pigs and other stock by hand, the whole week's supply is now ground on the farm in two hours.

Application of electricity to market gardening on a large scale was demonstrated to me. This was the watering of twelve sheds of young cucumbers by electric power with water which, by means of an apparatus called an "immersion pump," is kept at the same temperature as the hothouse—an essential factor in successful cultivation. The market gardener told me that the electrical watering had resulted in remarkably fast growing vegetables in first-rate condition. The apparatus is the invention of the Bedford electricity authorities, and is probably the only one of its kind now in use.

Aid to Industry.

On the industrial side, since the great local brick works stopped generating their own power and availed themselves of the new

source of supply, their output has quadrupled. It is now 1,300 million bricks per annum, and the works pay power at the rate of 85d. per thousand units. The works, in four years, have taken their place as the largest in the world. Other advantages of the local electricity facilities here are that whereas, previously, voltage variation was sometime 150 to 300, it is now regular, and the electric motors can be safely left for months. Current, too, works the huge "navvy" which is the only apparatus of its kind in the country; weighs 375 tons, and carries out Oxford shale equivalent to 30,000 bricks every hour, or five millions a week.

I was informed by an official of the electricity department that intensive developments are expected before the completion of the scheme at the end of this year.

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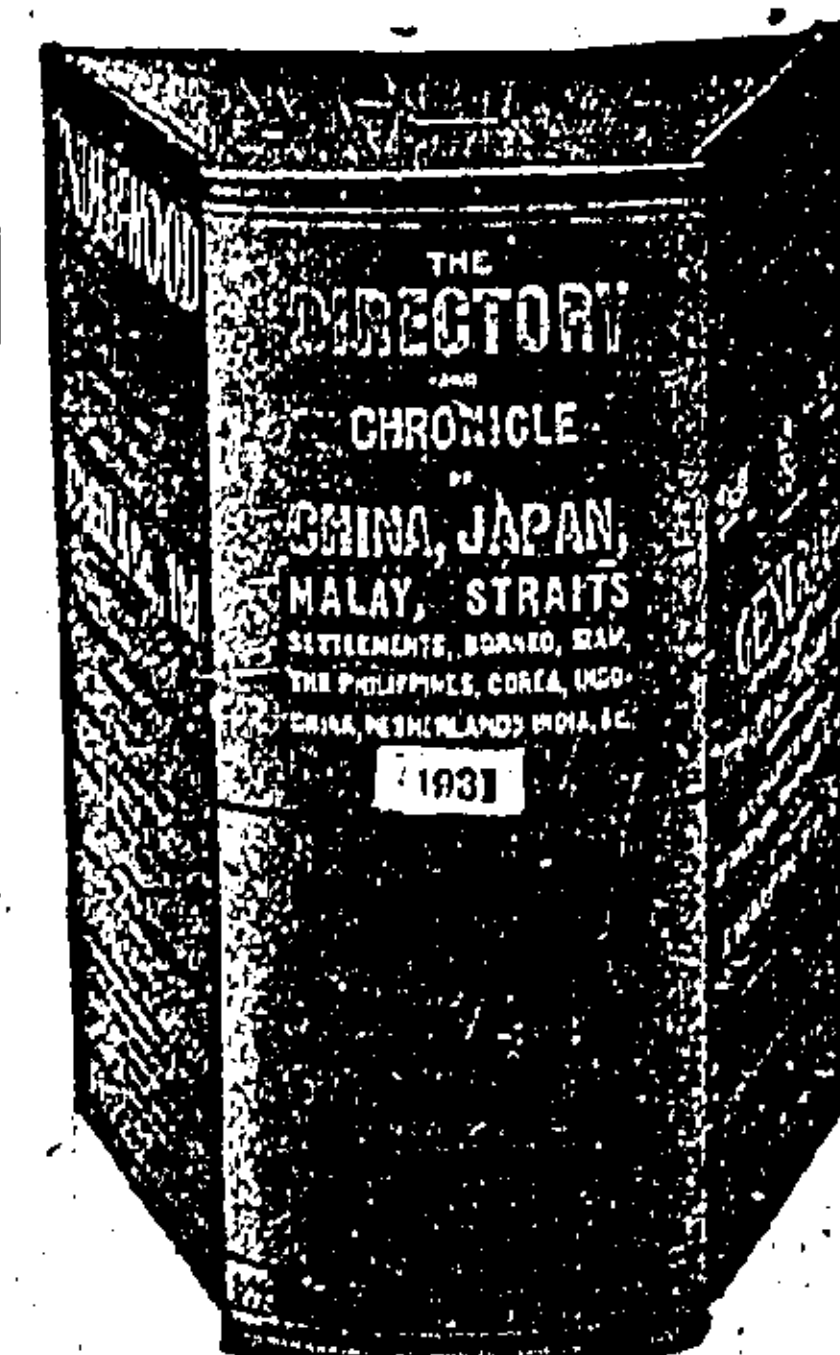
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Rauks	4.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.
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FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI AND SWATOW	Shanghai...	23rd April
SHANGHAI AND AMOY	Hupei...	23rd April
KUBOTA via SUEZ (Letters and Papers, London, 26th Mar., and Parcel, 10th March)	Omeria...	23rd April
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 2nd April) and EUROPE via SIBERIA (London, 6th Apr.)	Ohichibu Maru...	24th April
JAPAN, SHANGHAI AND EUROPE via SIBERIA (London, 4th April)	Rajputana...	24th April
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI (Seattle, 4th April)	Pres. Lincoln...	24th April
JAPAN	Kamo Maru...	24th April
SHANGHAI AND SWATOW	Sui Yang...	25th April
CALCUTTA AND STRAITS	Suicang...	25th April
STRAITS	Alipore...	25th April
SHANGHAI AND AMOY	Tybadak...	25th April
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI (Vancouver, B.C., 13th Apr.)	Emp. of Russia...	30th April
JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Terukuni Maru...	1st May
STRAITS	Katori Maru...	2nd May
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 3rd April)	Pres. Harrison...	2nd May
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 10th April)	Pres. Cleveland...	4th May
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Tanda...	6th May

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FOR	PER	DATE AND TIME
Manila	Gray's Harbour	Thursday, 23rd, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Hecke	2.30 p.m.
Fort Mayard	Tai Po Sak	2.30 p.m.
Halphong	Canton	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3.00 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Sirdana	5.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Omeria	Friday, 24th, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Del Maru	10.30 a.m.
Holbow Fakhoi and Halphong	Kiangchow	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hanyang	1.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd May	Rajputana	Par. 24th, 5.00 p.m. Reg. 25th, 9.00 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. G.P.O.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, (Canada, U.S.A., O. and South America) and EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 14th May, and EUROPE via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	Par. 24th, 5.00 p.m. Reg. 25th, 9.15 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th May	Kamo Maru	Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Sui Sang	5.00 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Chipsing	5.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangtung	9.00 a.m.
Amoy via Swatow	Anhui	Monday, 27th, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, O. and S. America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th May	Free Grant	Par. 24th, 5.00 p.m. Reg. 25th, 9.15 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m

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Amoy & Shanghai	"TAIYUAN"	On 23rd Apr., 5 p.m.
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Hohow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	"KINGCHOW"	On 24th Apr., Noon
Shanghai	"KINGYUAN"	On 24th Apr., 5 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SHANTUNG"	On 26th Apr., 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	"KWANGTUNG"	On 26th Apr., 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Swatow & Fuzhou	"ANHUI"	On 27th Apr., 4 p.m.
Ningbo, Shanghai	"HUPEH"	On 27th Apr., 5 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SUIYANG"	On 28th Apr., 9 a.m.
Amoy & Shanghai	"TSINAN"	On 29th Apr., 5 p.m.
Swatow, Fuzhou, Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin	"HUTCHOW"	On 1st May, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SUNNING"	On 3rd May, 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	"KAYING"	On 3rd May, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Newchwang & Daini	"TEAN"	On 4th May, 5 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	"KINGYUAN"	On 8th May, Noon
Swatow, Fuzhou, Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin	"KUEICHOW"	On 15th May, Noon

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STATION	Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND	DIRECTION	FORCE	WAVE	DIRECTION	TIME	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL	TEMPERATURE	WIND	DIRECTION	FORCE	WAVE	DIRECTION	TIME	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL	TEMPERATURE	WIND	DIRECTION	FORCE	WAVE			
		INCHES	MILLIMETERS																						INCHES	MILLIMETERS	INCHES
Windivostok	12	29.76	755.8	40	...	N	1	r	...	6	29.72	754.8	41	...	NW	1	...	...	13	7	29.72	754.8	41	...	NW	1	...
Nemuro	11	29.90	759.6	...	...	S	4	...	...	5	29.41	747.0	...	...	SW	3	...	...	3	7	29.33	745.0	...	...	SW	3	...
Hakodate	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	ESE	1	...	...	...	29.33	745.0	...	...	SW	3	...	...	2	0	29.53	750.0	...	...	SW	3	...
Tokio	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	SSE	2	...	...	...	29.53	750.0	...	...	S	2	...	...	0	0	29.63	752.5	...	...	W	2	...
Kochi	...	29.92	750.0	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	29.73	755.0	...	...	W	2	...	...	0	0	29.75	755.0	...	...	W	2	...
Nagasaki	...	29.82	757.5	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	29.75	755.5	...	...	S	2	...	...	0	0	29.80	757.0	...	...	S	2	...
Kagoshima	...	29.84	758.0	...	...	S	2	...	...	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...	...	0	0	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...
Oshima	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	S	2	...	...	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...	...	0	0	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...
Naha	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	S	2	...	...	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...	...	0	0	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.88	759.0	...	...	S	2	...	...	...	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...	...	0	0	29.86	758.5	...	...	S	3	...
Bonin Island	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	W	1	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	SSW	1	...	...	1	1	30.02	762.5	...	...	SSW	1	...
Chefoo	15	29.74	755.4	...	...	NW	1	r	...	6	30.02	762.5	46	...	SW	1	...	...	1	1	30.02	762.5	46	...	SW	1	...
Shanghai	14	29.69	764.1	65	4	NW	2	r	...	7	30.08	764.0	50	6	NW	2	...	...	2	0	30.08	764.0	50	6	NW	2	...
Gutzlaff	...	29.82	757.4	62	...	WSW	4	rf	...	...	30.18	766.6	52	...	NNW	6	...	...	6	0	30.18	766.6	52	...	NNW	6	...
Wenchow	...	29.70	754.4	67	6	S	2	bc	...	7	29.92	759.9	70	1	NE	4	...	...	4	4	29.92	759.9	70	1	NE	4	...
Foochow	...	29.78	756.4	78	6	S	4	bc	...	6	29.96	761.0	70	4	W	4	...	...	4	4	29.96	761.0	70	4	W	4	...
Amoy	...	29.80	760.8	86	...	NW	2	bc	...	5	30.09	759.1	72	...	S	2	...	...	0	0	30.09	759.1	72	...	S	2	...
Swatow	...	29.84	758.0	88	...	S	2	bc	...	...	29.91	759.6	74	...	...	...	...	0	0	29.91	759.6	74	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	11	29.84	757.8	88	...	S	4	bc	...	...	29.86	758.4	74	...	NNW	2	...	...	0	0	29.86	758.4	74	...	NNW	2	...
Tainan	...	29.84	757.9	88	...	S	2	bc	...	...	29.84	757.8	76	...	...	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.8	76	...	...	...	...	...
Koshun	...	29.82	757.4	86	...	S	4	bc	...	...	29.87	758.6	74	...	...	...	...	0	0	29.87	758.6	74	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadores	...	29.72	754.9	84	...	SW	2	eq	...	6	29.80	758.9	75	6	NNE	5	...	...	1	3	29.80	758.9	75	6	NNE	5	...
Hong Kong	14	29.72	754.9	84	...	SW	2	eq	...	6	29.81	757.2	78	6	SSE	6	...	...	0	0	29.81	757.2	78	6	SSE	6	...
Gap Rock	...	29.69	754.0	81	4	SSW	4	c	...	...	29.77	756.1	76	4	ESE	2	...	...	2	0	29.77	756.1	76	4	ESE	2	...
Macao	...	29.74	755.4	94	...	S	3	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	...	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	...	SSE	2	...
Hoihow	...	29.78	756.5	88	6	S	2	bc	...	7	29.69	754.0	77	6	SSE	6	...	...	0	0	29.69	754.0	77	6	SSE	6	...
Pratas Island	...	29.61	749.8	86	6	SSE	2	bc	...	...	29.70	754.3	85	8	SW	2	...	...	2	2	29.70	754.3	85	8	SW	2	...
Thulien	15	29.77	756.1	89	6	SE	4	bc	...	...	29.80	757.0	81	8	E	2	...	...	2	2	29.80	757.0	81	8	E	2	...
Tourane	...	29.77	756.1	89	6	SE	4	bc	...	...	29.80	757.0	81	8	E	2	...	...	2	2	29.80	757.0	81	8	E	2	...
Cape St. James	...	29.73	755.2	94	4	NNE	0	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Baco	14	29.73	755.2	94	4	NNE	0	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Apurri	...	29.71	754.6	91	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Vigan	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Manila	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Legaspi	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Calbayog	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Tacloban	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Iloilo	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Cebu	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Sarigao	...	29.76	755.8	98	8	W	4	bc	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...	...	0	0	29.84	757.9	79	6	SSE	2	...
Salpao	11.00	29.81	757.2	...	6	E	4	bc	4.22	5	29.81	757.1	...	6	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.81	757.2	...	6	E	4	bc	4.22	5	29.81	757.1	...	6	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	...	29.79	756.7	...	8	ENE	4	bc	...	...	29.81	757.1	...	6	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polow	...	29.79	756.7	...	8	ENE	4	bc	...	...	29.81	757.1	...	6	NE	4	bc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iabuan	14	29.79	756.6	92	1	S	4	b	...	6	29.81	757.2	82	1	S	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

April 22d, 10A. 29m.—A somewhat deep depression is central over N.E. Japan.
An anticyclone has formed over N.E. China.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 12.86 inches, against an average of 9.82 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON APRIL 23.

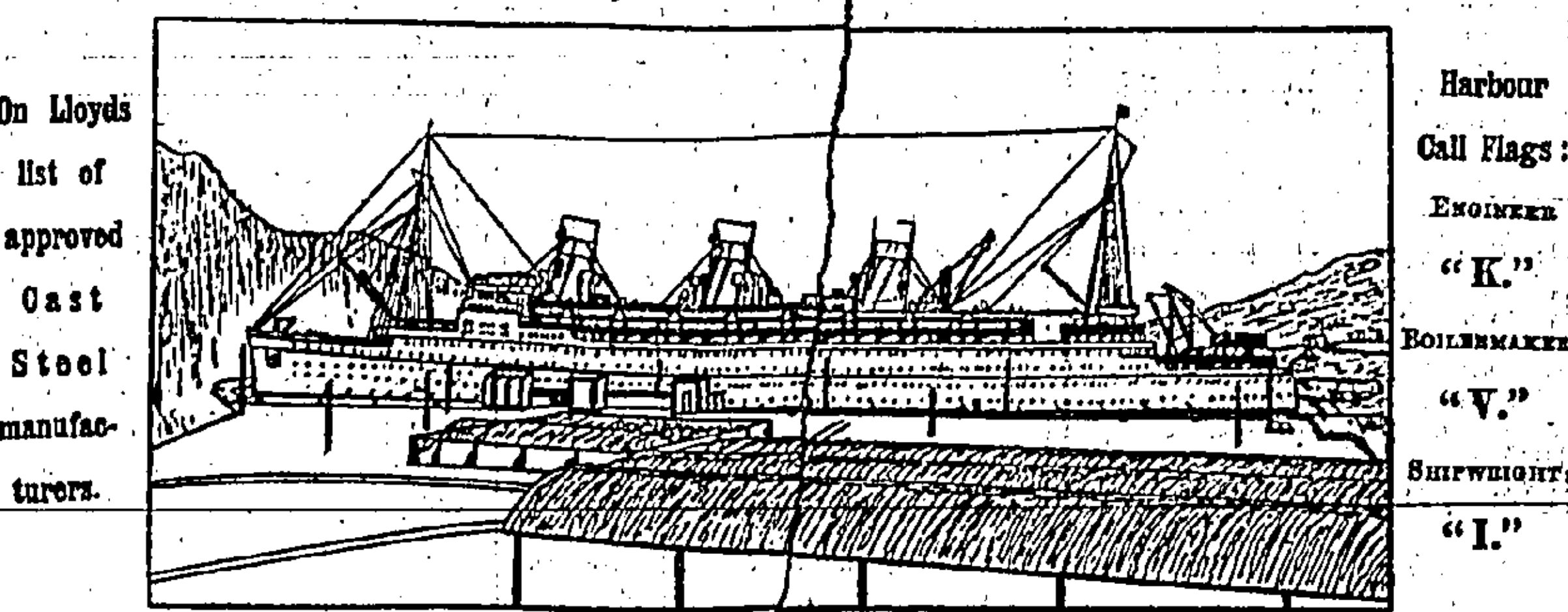
- 1.—Formosa Channel ... Light, variable winds, freshening from N.E.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks ... E. winds, moderate; overcast, some rain, cooler.
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